

3/15/89

Dear Aunt Marjorie,

I have finally assembled all the "stuff" I've been intending to send you since last fall.

I didn't know you'd been in the hospital. The fact that you recovered from pneumonia proves that you are still a very strong willed person.

As you mentioned another time, your doctor said it wouldn't be the cancer that took you, so I guess you're going to be around for awhile longer!

It's a good thing because I have some very important work for you to do in the months to come. First,

here are some tapes for you to  listen to. One is of my parents, grandparents & brother in 1955. The others are stories told by my maternal grandmother's sister, Amy Mayo. I also included a photocopy of a couple pictures of Amy as a young woman.

Then there is a tape recorder & some blank tapes for you to keep & use. We have pictures of Amy & you to inspire us & our children's children. And we have Amy's stories about times we never knew. Nothing would make us happier than to have your stories, too. The tape recorder isn't new — I picked it up at a garage sale — but it works well as far as I know. It's very easy.

to operate. There are 8 blank 90 min. tapes plus mailing envelopes which will each hold 2 tapes & have the correct postage on them already, so all you have to do is drop them in a mailbox. All that remains is for you to tap your memories & speak about them from time to time, you can speak softly — the volume control controls how loud the machine records as well as how loud it plays. There's even a little prop for the mike if you don't wish to hold it. Finally a little headphone if you want to listen to a tape privately. If there's any problem with the equipment I have another extra tape recorder being serviced which you can have if you need it. If David or any other

family members would like copies of any tapes you make, & have a new machine that makes copies, & will be glad to send some back! (4)

These orange crocuses with purple stripes are in bloom in my garden this morning. I know now why my grandmother called them her favorite flower — spring is truly on its way.

I thought you might enjoy some other family pictures I had too. In the "bragging about the kids" dept.: Julie is a film producer, superb snow-boarder ("surfing" on snow) & tends bar on weekends. She works & plays hard, & has an exciting life. She looks like & reminds me

very much of my mother. ③  
if you can believe that combination!  
Steve is very business-like but also  
very creative like his dad. He can  
tear bowling pin-spitter machines  
apart + put them back together  
again, but he also writes poetry,  
can design computer programs  
& edit recorded music. He decided  
this year to return to college to  
earn a degree in communications,  
so works 2 jobs + goes to school.

I'm busy with 27 piano students  
plus various projects including  
trying to have sewers installed  
in my neighborhood, design jewelry  
& do some real estate work.

The secret is to keep the old mind

occupied. Pain, disappointment (6)  
& anxiety have to take 2nd place  
when your mind is fixed up, &  
I don't consider any subject off  
limits when it comes to thought.  
For instance, one morning when  
I was still in bed, I got to thinking  
that the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
flag could really be improved —  
made more true & meaningful,  
& more understandable to little  
children — the language is far too  
formal. Something like "I pledge  
allegiance to my family & to the  
communism in which I live --- etc."  
Do you have any ideas on this subject?

Well, I want to send this off  
before I go to work so I'll say

Brothers & sisters - good times (3)  
& bad

✓ Home responsibilities, ✓ discipline

✓ Rats, heating, fishing ~~water~~

~~2-1~~ Holidays - special foods, get together

2-1  
Church - role in community life,  
religion at home

Home - furnishings bought or made,  
how heated, lighted, privacy,  
water source *outhouse*

## Boyfriends/girlfriends ~~2~~ <sup>3</sup> 31

Health care - doctors, <sup>go under pack</sup> surgery, hospitals, medicine available, <sup>it's</sup> home remedies

Note to self  
Woman's life — expectation as wife,  
community member, mother,  
as an individual — responses to  
those expectations

Dentist

Higher education - availability ⑨

~~⑩~~ Cost choices - for men, women

Social perceptions of bigotry, "sin" <sup>C</sup>,  
alcoholism, adultery <sup>C</sup> <sup>divorce</sup>, mental <sup>S</sup> <sup>S</sup>

Illness, <sup>S</sup> learning disabilities,

handicaps, <sup>B</sup> minorities, <sup>B</sup> immigrants,  
divorce <sup>C</sup>

~~Transportation~~

~~Entertainments~~

the Future - heaven, life after  
death, visits from individuals  
from other planets, the end of  
the world, the return of Jesus,  
hell, travel to other planets, travel  
to other periods of history, mind -  
reading, clairvoyance, reproduction  
in laboratories (Booo bad), robot  
housekeepers (Yippee!)

Vacations

(10)

competitive sport

Regional incomes & occupations of  
local people

Costs of common things—shoes,  
toy wagon, horse, pound of  
flour, coffee, apples, postage stamps  
trousers, blouse, etc.

Who took care of old people?

Did families have guns in the house?

How did people feel about the various  
war efforts?

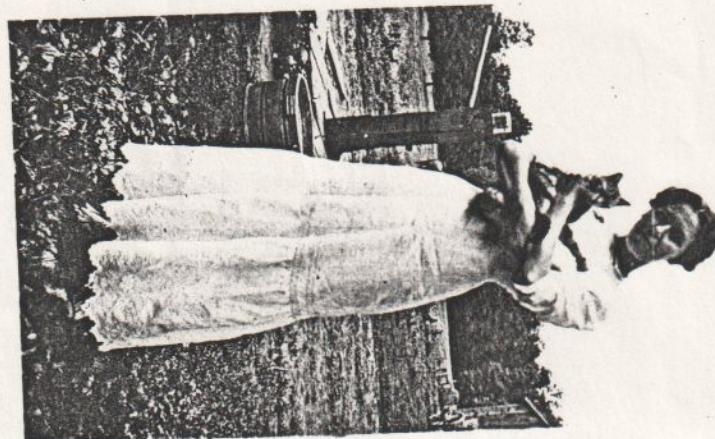
Affect of new highway

Affect of electricity, cars, TV, movies  
appliances

Gardening

Childbirth

Amy Mayo as a young woman, born around 1890.  
Sister to Sue Witter Corello's maternal grandmother,  
Madge Mayo Davis



In my day there were three rooms and three  
teachers in Hinsdale School - Primary - Miss Queen-Wiley  
Intermediate - 1<sup>1-4</sup> - 6-8 and High School - the principal  
Mr. Jolley, then Mr. Vincent, Mr. Sprague -

In the fall of 1905 I entered the Intermediate -

In order to go on to H.S. from ~~8th grade~~ we had  
to pass Regents (State exams) in the so-called prelimi-

Spelling  
Subjects - Reading Writing Arithmetic, English and  
a bit later U.S. History. The teacher was allowed

leeway as to ~~when~~ <sup>at</sup> what grades might take  
level these might be taken. In June of Sixth

grades 1906 all of us took and I think passed

Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic  
Geography. I also did Spelling and arithmetic

up after some thought English. That left

Arithmetic and U.S. History. The rule was that

a pupil was permitted to sit in high school

and take H.S. subjects lacking 2 prelim. Subs.

So in the fall of 1906 I entered H.S.

The new principal, Mr. Sprague, came  
to our house to interview me, in late Aug. ~~but~~  
I was barefoot, out in the kitchen washing dishes

when he came. I took time to pull on some  
stockings before going into Sitting Room. I would  
be improper to be seen in public at my age with

BARE LEGS

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Vacations - summer 10 weeks ~~10~~

Christmas - 10 days to two weeks -

Easter - usually 10 days NO snow  
Examination Weeks quarterly  
Seminars Jan & June -

Books - Milne's arith & algebra, Try's

Geog, Baldwin's readers, Poems  
from Whittier, Songfellow

Eggerton's History, Wuthering Heights  
Sketch Book, Merchant of Venice,  
Julius Caesar, McBeth, Paradise L.

"and missing thee I Walk —

Creek

I have already told about fishing  
in the little brook up at Grandpa  
Witter's. We also waded in it, and  
on hot days put on old dresses  
and tried to get wet all over in  
some little pond - 10. Skating <sup>double</sup> <sub>summer</sub>

When I was older - past 12 yrs -

I was trusted to take Marian  
and Lewis' to Olean Creek, be-  
hind our house. I tied two  
good tin gallon syrup cans together  
for 'Water Wings' and cautiously  
tried to float or propel myself a  
short distance along the shallow  
part. I was always very conscious  
of my responsibility, so though  
I loved the water I could not relax  
and fully enjoy it.

broad cows and one registered one. They were my pets. One, named Betty, would come to me from anywhere she could hear me if I went out and called "Here Betty." I even enjoyed getting up early on cold winter mornings and going out to throw out hay for them, before I prepared our breakfast.

My golden calves were sold each fall at the Spike  
Federated Sale. When mine retired and we  
wanted to spend our winters in Florida, I had  
the herd to good advantage.

have four children: Howard M. of Brewster N.Y.  
Mrs. Ralph (Shelley) Robinson, King St., & Leahy David  
W., 816 Hollow Road Hinsdale N. of Hazelton Pa.  
all married

of cattle. We  
dry feed, and if  
we are financially  
and pasture but  
a herd of twenty

It is why I chose New York State School of Agriculture, to follow high school. I was always an enthusiastic gardener, later persuaded my husband to buy a small farm to supplement his income from as Rural letter carrier <sup>out of the Henrico Post office</sup>. I then raised poultry <sup>on your land off</sup> various cottage for meat and eggs. Made butter and cheese for the market in Ocean what we did not need at home. Later in life, after he had sold his farm, I became interested in Beef cattle. We bought four Hereford cows, already bred and I added my herd. Of course he gave me financial support and furnished the hay and pasture, but the project was mine. I built up a herd of twenty.

I will now tell you about some  
of the especially good or happy  
times in my childhood and  
adolescence: 12 yrs old - ~~had~~ - Moved

Both  
2) My parents ~~wanted us children~~ to were  
anxious to give us a breadth of info.  
and culture. When we were about 4-6-8  
to talk on telephone - P. O. Gen. Store, Mark  
Pieces only tel. in town. Calling - stand -  
ing in a row - talking -

I was taken to Pan Amer. Expo. 1901

When Marian wa

Pan American Expo - Indian v.  
Electric Tower - Fire Works

8 & 10th Aunt Nells - elec lights - Sat.  
dinner at hotel - <sup>Magana Falls</sup> gorge route - Black  
monument - in Canada <sup>5 Tops</sup> all pts.

12 yrs. old - changing viewpoints, <sup>Moved</sup> gained  
confidence and sensed that I had  
a place in the world to fill. My  
sense of romance lent a glow  
to many of my experiences. Down  
~~in~~ <sup>deserted</sup> desedes behind the houses in  
canal bottom was a large patch of  
Weeds <sup>slightly</sup> futer more tall. I imagined  
that to be Sherwood Forest, and me  
and my playmates were Robinhood  
and his gang. Marian and I would  
hustle through d. d. - to get down the  
croquet bag of chocolates -

1st party - George M. and Papa - played  
kissing games - Spin bottle etc -

**3** cocoa to drink and choc cake  
refreshments. That raised a question  
for me - I ~~had~~ it had been an accepted  
fact, "Mayoine does not like chocolate".  
~~The question~~ One time in the Summer  
a group of us were playing croquet.  
P-bag choc - I realized then that I was  
growing up - and began learn to like choc -  
which I did.  
Fall of 1908. What a beautiful world! I had  
a new plaid gingham jumper dress, new,  
to start school. In school were <sup>many</sup> ~~a few~~  
new studs ~~etc~~ from outside the district including -  
Edward H - horse across road - going to po  
then home. Elodine & I established as B, F,  
Weaned from Dorothy. To P.O. then home for  
dinner - he to feed horse - etc. In A.M -  
Watching - Halloween hunt. I see Raub-  
Reuben - after hit society - Gen Kent -  
Then <sup>see</sup> he hated me but I still loved Edw.  
& Elodine & I shared him in diaries  
and walking - ~~more~~ as ~~Der Kuke~~  
During Summer vacation - cooled off -  
Fall of 1909 - Dean Gamble - Debate -  
He walked home with me -

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House party at Cuba Lake -

Ralph - Mildred - on Train 8 - a.m -

Walked to cottage - Still Walk snake -

Getting milk - lake like glass -

~~extreme~~  
~~extremely~~ happiness

Rough house - pepper - Water -

Back to school on Monday -

Dorothea again entered the picture of my life! She had spent the year before

in school in Buffalo, under her mother's supervision - ideas & ideals -

Many money - how to - A girl could 'get' any man — make him do things for you - She wanted Dean - I adhered to my mother's ~~very~~ strict ideals of being very modest and withdrawn. I was <sup>to be</sup> not allowed to 'keep

'Company' or ~~to~~ receive any special male attention until I was 18. Dean treated D & me equally in school but studied with her evenings & spent Sunday P.M. & eve. with her - ~~at school~~

He finished Jan - Went to Ames, Iowa -

He wrote me - Uncle Gay's death -

Class rings -

School Visit

one chest, nice double runner skates  
canal or by blacksmith  
We went to Orl creek to skate - ~~soon~~  
I loved it - later 12 yrs old real skates -  
In winter Marian & I outside - I wanted  
to play ~~for~~ & geese or such. By the time  
we had made the track Marian would  
start crying, "I'm cold, I want to go in"  
The ~~January~~ <sup>January and Spring</sup> ~~Spring~~ floods which  
covered the flats and necessitated  
dynamiting ice above R R & Nistle were  
exciting and interesting. We would walk  
along the high side walk to view  
the water - I always became a bit dizzy  
watching it, so hung onto the railing -  
There were raised or high sidewalks  
across the lowest land both to Penney D.  
and toward Maplehurst, and spent many  
hours <sup>1</sup> ~~1~~ thus -  
We all loved to play croquet. All <sup>casters</sup>  
three families, Pierces, Dorothy's family and  
we had croquet courts.

Marian - See Du

School Days -

Dear Hen

I had learned at home - 7 years old - 2nd grade -

~~Mamma's friend~~

Pink chambray sailor suit -

sneakers

Nettie Green - mamma's friend - Miss Green -

My refusal to go - only spanking -

Leaf houses - Fox - Pussy - Tilling Wood boy

Mildred Goodrich - Dorothy Frances Wood

Decoration Day -

Life around the □

Double runner shades

Marian - cold

Bed reefers - Stocking caps - One best

Dress - one school dress - aprons -

Croquet

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I was <sup>always</sup> quite clothes conscious. I remember the coat and hood with red ribbons which my mother made one when about four from her Wedding dress - dyed ~~the~~ three and a half to four inch crocheted lace on my petticoat now blue jackets and felt hats with streamers which we had when later; then red reefs and red stocking caps for winter; a turkey red jumper to be worn with white blouse; We always had a white dress with ribbon sash & hair bows for \$5.

Best in summer and a good wool dress for winter. ~~Best~~ also a school dress.

We often but not always wore aprons to school - sometimes dainty white ones sometimes checked gingham.

11 I will now return to my theme  
of Good & + Bad Times

Winter 1899 - <sup>Baby</sup> Serves brights disease  
Very ill - Dr V. - finally gained  
malted milk -

~~Scab 5 - One Sat summer 1894~~  
? Lewis <sup>small 6?</sup> - Papa came home Sat AM  
lawn not mowed ~~lawn mow~~  
out of com - lost bun - Hot  
Dew blood temper very upset.razor  
Scab straps. I was outraged but silent.  
I thought for days - later tried  
something - Nelson all in parlor,  
Grandma with them also. Nelson  
reached on Papas lap beside parlor table -  
no reaching~~s~~ grabbed something -  
Lead pencil - I ran pushed p's hand  
& took Nelson back to my seat -  
Why Marguerite! Papa just looked at me -  
at me - I continued that tactic  
if I got pun - it justified or too severe  
I could take a scolding to save one  
of my siblings pain.

The best solution decided to be —

2) ~~A really bad~~ it seemed a bad time to me when Papa had Scarlet Fever Elicottville - quarantine - sent home on train - <sup>older</sup> children <sup>school</sup> to grandmas. ~~our home~~ quarantine for six weeks - fall - no income - Christmas. no money for gifts? - We thought up gifts at no cost - especially for the younger children. Papa had ~~made~~ - a doll hammock crocheted from string for ~~Ely~~ <sup>Bunt wool</sup> Christ - A.M. Watching others Mamma said, ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> you in your stockings. I expected nothing! - I found a ~~sisson~~ <sup>as family</sup> for ~~bath~~ lady really good Xmas & a little part of them - ~~in~~ Martin Order.

Our really bad time, <sup>as family</sup> was Fall of 1910 thru summer 1911.

Decision to remodel - Plans

Made workmen hired  
Move stairs - build chimney - <sup>Install</sup> <sup>Bath room</sup>  
~~past~~ <sup>7</sup> children, mom & grandm<sup>A</sup> + Papa <sup>West</sup>  
~~play~~ <sup>in center of house</sup> ends  
The Stairway + chimney being const-  
plastered, lath + other litter  
everywhere.

7 It was then decided to install  
acetylene lights - no gas - oil lamps -  
a tank in cellar water + carbide  
gas - pipes inside walls all  
thru house. Workmen working  
at that when ~~had~~ Uncle John's death -  
Papa + Uncle Jay - just had opening  
of corner grocery store - <sup>or. guy</sup>  
Back home & sick - diphtheria  
Division since Grandpa's death  
Grandma W + Aunt Gertrude + 3 were  
rushed out and down to our house  
Papa + Aunt Ruby stayed - to care  
He died in a few days - buried  
stealthily in m-cem - Papa + Aunt R  
had to remain in quarantine  
for neg. cultures - 2 or 3 weeks +

The 14 of us were sort of semi-quarantine  
for a few days until the report on our  
cultures was returned - all negative  
Aunt Gertrude + children went to live  
with her parents when Papa + Aunt R  
were freed. Story parlor ceiling  
OVER

4) Community  
Grandma & Aunt R then became  
part of our family and grandmas  
house was rented. Grandma was  
an invalid having suffered a stroke  
previously and needed Aunt R to care  
for her. In May her mind had be-  
come quite confused by the deaths  
of her offspouse John & Undegay etc.

In May Grandma Norton had a  
stroke - 91. We then added a nurse  
who came in days to care for the  
two grandmas. This lasted two  
or three weeks. She died in <sup>near grand</sup> June  
1911.

June 1911 graduated - Aunt G's 4th  
child, Gay was born - other folks.  
The day of her funeral Mine  
made his first call riding  
his bicycle down from Friends school  
picnic at Cuba Lake. <sup>and John</sup>  
Soon after that Aunt Myrtle & I decided  
to come up from Rutherford co and  
spend the summer with her  
mother - at our house -

That makes 14 of us with Mine  
on weekends as often as he <sup>was</sup> <sub>3 weeks</sub>  
allowed

14.3 Subjects

Mac P.

May Foster - gym  
Religion in School

Play in school  
Leaf houses -

baseball - comp.  
Re-enactments

Playmates

Mac seen this

Playmates

Playmates

Playmates

Playmates

Playmates

Start under discipline - ? come  
May T. Religion - Entred H.S.

Playtime - comparison -  
top - games etc (Play Mates

Grandma Norton  
The creek

Playtime - comparison -  
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18 Min.

School

Kitchen

Bed

Discipline

Comparison

of family

no of pupils

sunrise

1906 year added

Subjects

Religion

Discipline

May Foster

Religion

Discipline

May Foster

Religion

Discipline

May Foster

Religion

Discipline

Manheim

Family

Gimmenman

other friends

Mothers

Now.

Now.

1901 Hinsdale Union

School house

Discipline

Wreath

Sheatbined

Comparison

1906

Subjects - credits

May Foster

Religion

Discipline

May Foster

Religion

Discipline

May Foster

1) Return to theme of Bad times.

<sup>1899</sup>  
Lewis baby, Bright's disease, Dr. U.  
finally better - Malted milk -  
~~Nelson baby in parlor - family~~  
~~probably a Sun. P.M. - parlor table -~~  
~~pencil - grabbed him - Grandma -~~  
~~pap. papa O. I continued - the~~  
~~idea. I gladly was O coldings to~~  
~~save siblings from unjust punish~~  
~~ment -~~

Summer Lewis about 6 - ? Papa  
home Sat. a.m. lawn not mowed,  
mower out - etc. ~~bad~~ temper  
Lewis supposed - <sup>scab -</sup>  
Razor strap - drew blood - I  
Was outraged - Thought & thought  
Playmates asked - told them - their  
reply - This set me against Papa  
This set the pattern of my  
reaction to Papa - always on  
defensive for younger children.  
Only now - I can see

+ 2 14 Nov.  
1. Return - Bad Times - Fall  
Papa Scarlet Fever - Ellicottville  
Quarantine - School children  
to Grandma W. Six Weeks  
Not really ill - No income Christmas -  
Papa burnt wood - Mamma  
crocheted the Baet home - crust,  
morning Look in your ab.  
<sup>Valuable</sup> Silver Thimble - Hackin  
~~Really~~ good experience -  
The really bad time as a family was  
fall of 1910 through Winter and  
into summer 1911 (though graduated)  
Plans to remodel - general plan -  
Haste necessary account of cold -  
Chimney, stairway, bath - Sewage -  
grandma N. to Uncle Grys for time -  
Workmen - Tools - Bath - Plaster  
debris - Bulk - Uncle Grys store

Personal life in the 1900's in  
Hinsdale, N.Y.

By Marjorie Witter Scott

School - facilities, teachers, training, vacations, books, games, subjects taught.

Playmates - toys

Family life, good times and bad times, Responsibilities and discipline

Boyfriends and Girl Friends

Home - heating, plumbing etc  
brothers and sisters, discipline

Recreation - fishing & hunting

~~Holloway Hunt~~  
Tape 2 - A  
reunions - cont'd

Pets  
Holidays - reunion  
food - customs

Birthdays

Home furnishings  
utilities - toilet of oil  
privacy

Back Bay & girl friends  
Geo. May Will

Sept 31 -

Health care

10 doctors

Tape B

Dr. Vincent

Tape A  
announcement -  
title - Life in the  
1900s in Hinsdale, N.Y.  
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School

Playmates

Family life

Home

Recreation

Boy friends & girl friends

Tape 1 B

School Vacations &

books

Good times & bad T.

Responsibilities

Discipline

~~2000~~ 2000  
Flash light  
Christmas envelopes  
Christmas stamps -  
1. Seals -  
Liquid Soap?  
Marie pursued  
her dream of building  
~~genuine~~ religious  
community &  
common house for  
a religious group of  
fellow believers  
until framework up  
roof on chimney built

Babies asking Mama  
arrival etc  
Kittens born

Mama @ flor shop -

Playmates

New Baby at Mildred's

Family life

Parents telephone

Home

Recreation

Boy friends & girl friends

School Vacations - books

Good times & bad

Responsibilities & discipline

Surgeons  
Drugs + medicines  
Home Rem-  
Dentists -  
Religion + church  
Home - comm

Paper  
pap as religion  
Marie Went on  
with her plan  
for a religious  
comm. starting  
to build a large  
house, but ran

Marie pursued her dream  
of building a large house  
for a group of fellow believers  
Until the framework was up  
+ windows in and chimney built  
the roof on and chimneys built  
for fireplaces. She received no  
cooperatives funds were running  
low, so she gave up. Jesus +  
Visited

A 1907  
- known around  
all in 1908 - 1910  
plot with no 2000  
the 2nd largest plot  
books 2  
attempts  
at planes of  
smooth  
ridges  
up and down for  
B 1907  
various tools  
about  
I don't want tools  
with lid open  
available

out now  
the shop  
Elmwood  
grows  
subject taught  
of sculpture  
sculpture  
building - lecture  
lecture - audience  
soft of day  
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Hudson, N.Y.  
the 1900's  
of a good life in  
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## FAMILY

I have already told you about my sister Marian. I compensated for my feelings of inferiority in comparison to her, when we were children by the fact that I was a better student. Besides my sister Marian I had two sisters and three brothers - Name in order - Tell about ordering a baby - How I loved Nelson -  
17 INSERT Diapers on grass - Singing to sleep - Mddy's little grasshopper + Eliz - Novelty worn off - She was not as good a baby as Nelson - She but was my ideal of a beautiful child - blue eyes + blond curly hair - I willingly assumed more and more responsibility in caring for her as well as helping learning to do all kinds of household chores. The winter she was two -

As so long for now. Here are 7  
a few suggestions for topics for  
the tapes.

Love,  
Sue

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A personal history of life in

4:25 p.m.

4:30-3:45 through  
32-35 taught

2:25 Break

Sub taught  
May 4-  
Religion in sch-  
chapel  
Nellie Queen  
Leaf houses  
Baseball  
Baseball

~~10:30 AM~~ Sectional maps-  
Break

Sectional maps

Recreation - croquet. X Marian

Toys

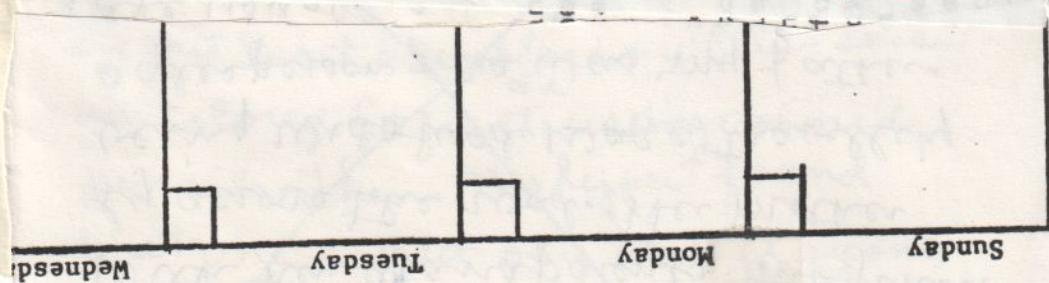
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~~Keep~~ Keep  
Shelf  
Robbins st

Playmates  
When I was four a little boy by the  
name of Alfred Zimmerman lived  
up the road from us. He had a  
goat, a harness and a little wagon  
in which he let me ride.

In Winsdale we lived across the  
road from the Pierce family -  
Robbins, was a year younger than  
I. We were almost constant play-  
mates for two years, until we both  
started school.

Playing house - can't you see?  
Bower <sup>in school</sup> story Mae - 3 yrs. older <sup>A</sup> -  
a born leader - always ~~to~~ included  
us in her plans. She had musical  
and artistic talents <sup>Some appreciation</sup> ~~some~~ of which  
~~rubbed off on me~~. I remember one  
show we put on. I was taught to  
do the "Catwalk". She also helped  
me make Valentines. I over



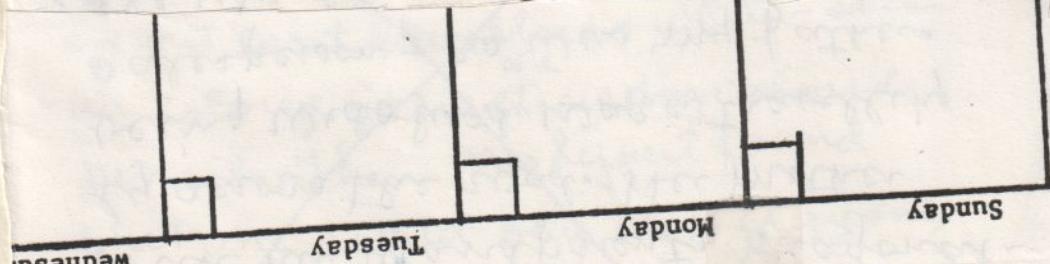
EDEN HEIGHTS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY JUDY MAYER, ACTIVITY I

THE DINING ROOM UNLESS O

2) ~~A) We did not have many toys as children do today. We used our imaginations and thought up things to do. We often played school - traveling on the P.R. Train or street car - of course 'house' also. Stage props and sound effects were improvised - jackstraws. In summer croquet was universally popular.~~

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EDEN HEIGHTS ACTIVITY CALENDAR  
ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY JUDY MAYER, ACTIVITY COORDINATOR  
THE DINING ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

2 We did not have many toys  
2 my best friend until HS  
B was Dorothy Lippert, she lived  
with her grandparents, diagonal-  
ly across the road. Her mother  
being widowed was a travelling  
salesperson - he was my father.  
X She usually came to our house right  
after school and often helped me  
fill the Woodbox, which I must do  
before playing. ~~then~~ <sup>often</sup> sometimes  
played paper dolls - ~~old~~

Cutting pictures of mostly <sup>sears</sup> ~~Woman~~  
and girls, ~~from~~ <sup>sears</sup> from fashion magazines  
or other sources. A few were colored  
in but most were black & white - These  
we colored at first using colored  
pencils. Then Mrs Lippert found  
that one could buy war crayons,

2/ My best friend until High School was  
Dorothea Hybert. She lived with her  
grandparents, diagonally across the  
road. Her mother, being a widow, was  
a traveling salesperson as was my father.  
She usually came to our house right  
after school and often helped me fill the  
Woodbox, which I must do before playing

We often played Paper Dolls - We cut full length pictures of people from newspapers, magazines,

The best from Miss. ~~the~~ the Town dress  
fashion Magazines, Mc Call's, or  
Designer ~~a~~ Delineator. The

pictures were mostly black & white

so we colored them in our  
marked different outfit at first  
we used colored pencils - Then

We used colored pens  
Mrs. Hippert found that one could  
paint

buy Wax crayons, an assortment of twelve colors or shades, <sup>in</sup> to a study

boy. Mamma bought me a boy  
in the We had,

also. How much fun we had,

~~These~~, producing beautiful out-  
fits. American Beauty Rose was  
so many of

grandparents, along with him.  
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a traveling salesperson as was my father.  
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after school and often helped me fill the  
woodbox, which I must do before playing

He was a good boy, but he was not a good man. He  
was not a good man, but he was a good boy.

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## FAMILY 1

From my earliest recollection my (great) grandmother Mary Parker Norton lived with us. Her daughter Ella N. Dyer was my mother's mother. When my mother was two months old Ella and her had dysentery and died. My mother was taken into her maternal grandparents' (Nelson & Mary A. Norton) home and raised as their child. Her father Oscar S. Dyer died the following Feb. of an ailment due to his service in Civil War. Grandma was always an important part of our home. She rocked the babies, amused the older children and taught us Mother goose rhymes and told us fables for our edification. She lived to be 91<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in 1911.

I already mentioned that my father was a traveling salesman. He sold sub to <sup>the</sup> American Agriculturist, a farm paper. Ordinarily he was home only from Saturday to Monday a.m. - He kept a driving horse & carriage. He liked to everybody was on good behavior while he was home - I am <sup>that</sup> that Peter 7 families - with all inferior.

## ~~4~~ FAMILY-II

Nothing that I could write would adequately portray my mother. You will form opinions from the incidents which I relate. She was valedictorian of her class graduating in 1889. She physically rather frail but of indomitable spirit. She truly loved my father, acknowledged him always as head of the family, but knew how to influence him if she thought best. Her advice to me as to married life was "Be wise as a serpent but harmless as dove"

Besides my sister Marian, I had two sisters and three brothers.

<sup>Marian</sup> July 1896  
Lewis April 1898

Nelson Oct 1902

Ely Dec 1904

Leslie Apr. 1907

Mina Sept. 1908

"The homeliest baby I ever saw."

I was a bit offended

When Lewis was born I was sent up to Grandma Witters, to stay with Grandpa, Aunt Ruby & Uncle Gay. Grandma took care of Mama, at our home. When I was taken home - Isn't he beautiful? - laugh

She explained to me that I had been too literal in my interpretation of her thought. We were given certain rules which we respected and obeyed. Our whole outlook was different than ~~the now~~ we had respect for authority and for property rights of others, especially adults. --- ~~as~~ while ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Loney was principal we had a mass. There were probably between 15 + 25 pupils in each room, seated at double desks. There was some supervision as to seat mates. Most of the pupils ~~went home~~ lived in the village, so went home for dinner. We had from 12:00 - 1:00 noon hour - lunches were often brought in little tin pails. Some had regular

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was brought  
of images -  
Long narrow  
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re of carpet from home

2 Pupils lived a little over a mile away  
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according to demand. Credits were  
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exitations per week in each subject  
for 2-5-

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into the high school room.  
to <sup>A march</sup> sing on  
someone played the organ. Wethen  
sang songs, had a scripture reading  
and all repeated the Lord's prayer.

Millie Green was very conscious of the evil effects of alcohol & tobacco, so

pupils always had a brief lecture  
on that subject, following chapel.

Playtime, my most vivid memory of playtime ~~at~~ <sup>had</sup> school is of making leaf houses. A few of us brought leaves from home and drew floor plans of <sup>imagi-</sup> ~~gines~~ <sup>had</sup> my houses by making the leaves into long vi-  
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2. My most vivid memory of playtime ~~at school~~ <sup>had for</sup> is of making leaf houses. A few of us brought from home and drew floor plans of houses by raking the leaves into long narrow This was under the maple trees in the town or park, in which both the school and church <sup>beds</sup> were. I even brought a small piece of carpet from home "sitting room."

We also played Pussy Wants a corner among the maple trees of the 'square' and there was enough open space that the older boys played baseball - at least one merchant used to come during the noon hour and play with the I.T.S. Boys They challenged other community teams -

I should also mention  
the sectional maps -  
United States cut into  
pieces on State lines, N.Y.  
State on County lines. They were  
fun and also educational as  
were the spill downs on Friday P.M.

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new home. What a  
comfortably. You mu-  
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tly have worked ha-  
was a very difficult  
good about all you  
started early this m-  
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and will spend all  
hey will have dinner  
Georgetown and will  
Stouffer's Hotel.

On 1966 the year I entered high  
school a fourth teacher was added; a  
preceptress, who taught high school  
classes, thus increasing the ~~no~~ of number  
of subjects taught. We were offered  
four years of English & English grammar,  
Zoology, botany, physiology, physics,  
Amer. History, Ancient History  
Algebra, Geom. ~~having~~, Adv. Arith, Business  
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est, Chris wrote from his school ty and state   
festivals Chris rehearsals, and Mom and Dad have   
He wrote a story all at his school. signed by the We are so proud

When Max Loney was principal we ~~had gym~~ had gym. He was fresh from Normal School, very enthusiastic about the then modern ideas in education. He taught us a polka step as an innovation in Marching. This brought disapproval from some parents - One boy re

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fifteen minutes was  
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right. His invention  
competition.

In addition to  
an essay about the  
for the DAR contest

contests.  
Add all that the  
performed in, along  
you can see that he  
been busy chauffeur  
Matthew, also,  
which was selected  
He received a credit  
school principal and  
of both of the boys

5) fused to do it because it was  
Wicked; dancing. The board of ed-  
upheld Mr. Tonley, but the boy  
was excused from <sup>gym</sup> ~~dancing~~.  
The profession of some sort of  
Christianity was accepted as the  
norm for everyone in those  
days. Every morning the first  
fifteen minutes was  
given 'chapel'. The ~~too~~  
grade grade pupils marched  
into the High School room.  
to <sup>in</sup> ~~March~~ <sup>on</sup> Someone played the organ. We then  
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on that subject, following chapel.

6) <sup>1/4 +</sup>

1 In the ~~Family~~ <sup>INSERT</sup> of 1962 one of my  
2 playmates ~~II~~ bragged about the arrival  
3 of a new bro. or sis. and explained to  
4 me about its delivery to their home-  
5 The mother was in the bedroom off  
6 the "sitting room" where older children  
7 were playing. Dr. U. came in with his  
8 little black bag - sticking out of the  
bag she saw a little leg!! The children  
were then hustled out into kitchen &  
door shut. This set me to thinking  
about the fact that we had no baby.  
My brother Lewis was four years old.  
One night when my mother came to  
settle us into bed I broached the  
subject and asked her to order a  
baby. She discussed the matter with  
me, my aunt Ruby came and entered  
into the conversation. Mama would  
not promise. The more I argued  
the harder they laughed.  
Mariam & I had been promised  
that some night we could go up  
and stay all night with a cousin  
who lived nearby. One ~~o~~ M. when the  
over - ~~three weeks later~~

came home from school Mamma  
2) was in bed and ~~asked~~ <sup>V</sup> "Would you  
girls like to go up and stay all night  
with Nancy? We can't put our nighties  
in one little satchel" I said to Nancy  
you know, I think Mamma is going  
to get a baby. I asked her too.

**FAMILY**  
We stopped at home on our way to  
school, and sure enough there was a  
beautiful baby brother!

I rushed on to tell my teacher,  
relating some of the details, from  
my viewpoint. She quickly hustled  
me up. One I knew just how long.  
**It took to get a baby - three weeks!**

How I loved that baby, who was  
Nelson! I immediately became a  
mother's helper, turning the crank  
on the washing machine, spreading  
the diapers on the grass to bleach, and  
folding them when dry. As soon  
as he was <sup>3 or 4</sup> months old I was  
allowed to rock him to sleep.  
Left the baby after for an evening  
under grandma's supervision -  
He slept soundly, so did I, but  
how proud + important I felt when  
my parents came home - I had done  
the job.

address  
bank away!

Not = Sunday 8 M.  
Two years later, Summer of 1904

1 our parents & Nelson had gone for  
a drive, M & S & I were left home in  
charge of grandma Norton, told to  
~~take~~ ~~or~~ naps rest on our beds. In  
M's and my room was a 'dressing  
table' made from a dry goods box,  
open front, one shelf, the outside  
draped with cheesecloth, over pink  
cambric. In the bottom compartment

3726844 *Tellus, Tellus, Tellus*

I always loved to walk over hill  
& dale - especially in the woods -  
my chief interest in hunting was  
contact with gang of deer hunters  
from Bflo, family Hinsdale Friends Deer  
season was a special time  
one year I & I bought licenses -  
two other hunters all shot - etc  
The deer hunters told us -  
Fishing

g. think - Nelson - Family favorite -  
b) Elizabeth - Very sensitive, square &  
mouth - Everybody sorry for her  
Leslie - Worst problem of all -  
Run away - tied up - sit & scream  
Mina - grew like Topsy in Uncle  
Tom's Cabin. Papas - corporal punishment  
but often prayed and then apologize  
Mama - reasoning - fit pun - to  
fault - If one bit another - bite  
one's self - Little use of rewards or  
'hiving' We were expected to do  
right.

My father did not hunt or fish but  
Uncle Gay did. I think I was born <sup>with</sup> to  
that desire. I have told about my 1st  
success. After we bought our home  
My friends and I loved to fish along  
in Olean Creek. I usually took  
some of bros & sis. along, Story of  
Nelson's Sucker.

In later life - hunting & fishing

7) <sup>think</sup>  
Pets - We always had a cat -  
I remember black & white - I was 3 or 4  
playing on floor - Shut cat in  
bottom cupboard of Wash stand,  
Banging door shut - yowling  
Mama came - tail was broken  
4 in - so was cut off - bob-tailed  
Smooth - by mixed quill, maltese  
kitten, several years and batches  
of kittens - We saw born -  
Sickle breeches & Peter Shaper -  
Peter turned out to be a girl -  
Tiger -  
Casper - for C. Blackman - Was  
neutered - moved to Bflo - old age  
Grandpa had farm dogs but we  
to which were important to me -  
Running out to Barn - always  
timid but would not admit  
it. When grandpa moved  
to Hs. Mark came to our house  
I tolerated him but ~~never~~ <sup>did not</sup> loved  
a dog until years later in our  
own home.

8) To my brothers & I + me, in our home, several occasions which

could ~~be~~<sup>to us were</sup> called holidays

1. Decoration Day - Wreaths - choosing partner in square - exercises <sup>Band</sup> in Caw. family - list of died in army - navy - song sheets - gettysburg address - march to cemetery - baseball game on flats

2. Children's Day - Speak Poems, white dresses - pink + blue ribbons

3. Witter reunion - Bessie J. Mariet - grandpa was Pres. and had to make a speech - children performed -

Clara Jordan - Myron Witter - Kissed question to me as I grew older -

Aunts in a row on porch -

1909 - <sup>Aunt</sup> ~~Eliza~~ - Cuba -

1910 - Urney Scotts Adah Kellogg

Hazel Scott

4. Thanksgiving - sleeping -

1899 - gas - grandmas, chicken

Balanced meal - Uncle Jay's

Spilled Beans

5. (9) Christmas. Make gifts - Hem stich  
outline crocheted - for grandma +  
aunts and friends + teacher -  
Pasapatoos pictures - cut glass etc  
She angel from Prices store -  
Christmas eve at church - new  
dresses - Santa - tree - Some  
rec'd all of gifts - We only 1 or 2  
from parents ( Santa claus NO NO -  
'Cloth' dolls - Kate + Sulu -  
Once I peeled - Bisque doll heads  
and kid bodies. Mil dud + Edna -  
real hair. Hanging stockings all  
Family together over night for  
several years -

6. Birthdays - Leaflet for Mama -  
Birthday cake - 1 gift from parents -  
my Bicycle - Bible - Flowers -  
I will leave the subject of religion  
in the home for the present  
and continue to

10 of furnishings, as long as we  
lived on Congress St. We used  
much ~~many~~ of Grandma Norton's furniture  
in her parlor. Well remember  
the Brussels <sup>Red Roses</sup> Wall to Wall carpeting,  
drop leaf cherry table with red  
fringed ~~damask~~ cloth. In our parlor, what  
not, couch, bed room suite  
car Mahogany drop leaf - cane  
seated chairs, boston rocker -  
red velvet drapes - doorway -  
old melodian, organ. In  
kitchen Oak dining table - extension  
Mama had bought teaching 1st yr  
of married life - Oak dining  
chairs. <sup>III</sup>  
After we moved into whole of  
gr. W's house buying - Engrain  
Parlor carpet - 3 piece set - not  
upholstered, parlor table & lamp -  
Molded already.  
golden oak dining chairs

11) I have told of the dressing table  
in M + my room - home made -  
mother made curtains, burred  
Sheets (2 widths) pillow cases,  
other household linens. I also  
remember a small mail keg,  
Made into a child's low chair, padded  
and covered with red material Velour,  
at first our only fuel was  
wood for both -  
about 1902 they bought a  
coal + wood range reservoir,  
large oven - ash pan, warming  
oven - what luxury!  
I think it was later - Round Oak -  
we grew up around these -  
For lights - Kerosene - routine  
filling, cleaning, trimming, polish-  
ing chimneys - using care - 1911  
Water service - <sup>congas</sup> Well, Windlass  
& bucket - Outdoor toilet -  
Mayon - spring - pitcher pump -  
Hinsdale - Well & running water -  
Woodsink

12) own home - running water - iron  
sink + drain -

1911 - Bathroom, sewage system -  
as to privacy - I would say "always"  
"good" - never more than two of  
the same sex and close age to-  
gether in a fair sized bedroom  
with bed, dresser, wash stand, toilet  
facilities and table. Light enough  
for reading. The rooms were  
comfortably heated by stovepipes or  
registers or a small stove.

Geo. Maxwell  
Boy friends - Lloyd Weaver,  
Edward Dean - Casper - Hosea <sup>mae</sup>  
girl friends - Mildred G - Dorothy, Elodine  
Nova q. - Maplehurst girls -  
Sew is 13 when I left - Nelson always  
popular.

from earliest → Dr. V - The Doctor devoting  
himself to pat - within radius of several miles -  
He delivered Babies made house calls any  
time - pay or not - The balance of each  
day in office - Surgery - cut foot - bones -  
grandma - We lived across - Steps up  
to porch - My belief - Small pharmacy - my  
active in civic affairs - Sickness - concern -  
Death - Cancer of liver - No success -

Dr. Happle - In office - Eliz.

Dr. Morris - etc

that ~~ad~~ paper hung nearby or thin  
cups hung nearby. I know we did  
not have paper cups. Toilets facilities

Were outside.

The upper floor ~~of the building~~  
~~gym~~ <sup>Reed</sup> hall, com-

Was used as a ~~down~~  
~~center~~ <sup>gym</sup> hall, com-  
munity building, ~~recreation center~~  
contained a laboratory  
for H.S. students, large auditori-  
um stage, wings etc. It was  
also used as "nonon hall", enter-  
tainment center & school gym-

~~lock~~ ~~room~~

There were three teachers, two men  
women, for grades and one man  
all normal school grads, all  
in their early twenties.

Discipline in the grades was firm  
but as far as I remember, never  
a raised voice or use of corporal  
punishment. While I was in primary  
story of writing on forehead

One day I ~~was~~ reading in my  
Swinton's Primary ~~class~~ hesitated at  
the Name Ben. My mother said,  
1 - If Ben is here 2 - Rooster

In September 1901 I entered grade  
1 at the ~~Swinton~~ Union School. The sch-  
ool was which was conducted  
in a large two story building, lo-  
cated where H.M + P.L. Free Hall now  
stands. The first floor ~~was~~  
were three classrooms each with

its own cloak room and a large  
hall, from front to back -  
Each room The rooms were  
Elem. & 1-2 Intermed - 5-8  
and High School. Each had its  
own large coal or wood burning  
ing stove for heat. In the  
hall was ~~administering~~ fountain  
consisting of 10 gal stone crock  
on pedestal with faucet near  
base. I'm not sure but think

My first schooling was in my mother's  
kitchen of the house on ~~Cong~~ St  
built by my grandfather about 1850.  
There I learned my letters & how to  
spell my name when my mother  
called out from My mother cut  
out the large colored letters from  
pap heavy papa flour -- When  
she was teaching me to spell my  
name she told me to lay down  
M A R S - no S is uncle gray.  
I was quite insistent that it was  
not part of my name. This was  
when I was four years old -

My lessons continued at home, after  
we moved to Kinsdale. My mother ~~had~~  
~~taught school~~ what was called a  
~~first grade certificate~~ equal at  
that time to what is now a teacher's  
~~college graduation~~ <sup>my mother</sup> was a qualified  
teacher, having grad 14.5 & taught  
successfully taught for 2 years

Story about B E N

1A) outside of school, ~~also~~ playtime or recreation was quite different when I was young, than it is today - Most families had a few standard toys; a wagon or cart, a sled, marbles, at least one ball, dolls and one or two games; authors, old maid, domino

Otherwise we thought up things to do. We often played school, travelling by train or street car, house etc. Stage props and sound effects were improvised.

In the summer croquet was universally popular -

Time 4:47 P.M.

diapers

Intro-

Thoughts

School

Kitchen

Ben

Miner

Robbins 6:35

Sept 1901

Mae

Bldg-

cape walk

Teachers

Valentines

Writing-

Dorothea

Discipline

Woodboy

Gen. attitude

Papa dolls-

Seating - 4:54

Color crayons.

noon hour

Beauty Rose

lunch box

1902

19

order baby

teacher

Baby brother

credits

6:48 04

May 9 1901

Job 6:49

Religion

Kittens 6:45

chapel

Some sprouts

Nellie Green

Cat meow 12

Playtime

Baby game 6:47

Beef houses -

1/4 Beef

baseball

commended

sectional maps

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Marian

13 33 mrs

what not

Diapers

comparison 13 min

Marian

what not

5:00

toys, games, friends, the

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## FAMILY 4

We kept our underwear. We had a  
maltise tabby cat which had been  
on the bed with us, but was restless so  
we put her down in there on our under-  
wear, pulled the drapes shut and went  
back to lie down - a few minutes  
later we heard a "meowow" and  
rushed over and saw a family  
of four or five kittens born. We  
had called Lewis, so all three saw  
it. We were so excited! We called  
down stairs and told grandma that  
"smooth" had kittens. When mama  
came home she met her at the door  
and in a shocked voice told her  
that we had seen the kittens born.  
Readers in thought in child train-  
ing were just beginning to recommend  
teaching children the facts of life at  
an earlier age. Mama had already  
decided that it was time for Marian  
and me, so she took us aside  
and explained that babies came

the feeling of inferiority  
By the time I was  
a sophomore in H.S.  
romantic ideas at

X Teachers →  
Playtime -  
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Came the same way and that she was carrying another baby - which turned out to be Elizabeth. She also warned us that it was a secret in our family because not all mothers told their children about such things.

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Elizabeth was not as good a baby as Nelson had been, but was my ideal of a beautiful child: blue eyes, blond curls. I will <sup>ing</sup> assumed more and more responsibility in caring for her as well as learning to do all kinds of household chores. The winter she was two

highly as she did was born. She ~~her~~ & she was carrying she did not know without my depur the feeling of infir By the time min a sophomore in H.S romantic ideas at

very ~~it~~ cornered school in school Teachers ~~→~~ Playtime - creek

11 10 Mamma took her and Nelson and I went up to Blo. to Aunt Nell's to do Christmas shopping. Marian Lewis & I, of course, were in school. The <sup>M + I</sup> other two and the house were left in my charge. We went across the road to sleep at Easy-Macaroni <sup>oil lamps</sup> a friend of Mamma's. I well remember Saturday — The Quarter of Beef — concern — thaw — so I made mince meat — six 2 qt. butter crocks — Mamma was quite surprised when she came home, but commended me highly, as she did later the next spring after Leslie was born. Her health was miserable all the time she was carrying him and she said to me that she did not know how she could have managed without my dependability. <sup>My</sup> <sup>I had</sup> <sup>for one to</sup> <sup>Neighbors</sup> This helped me overcome the feeling of inferiority that I had had when small — By the time Mina <sup>my</sup> arrived I was an adolescent, a sophomore in H.S. I interested in the boys, full of thoughts romantic ideas and had my own ideas about large families.

the 1900's in Hinsdale, N.Y. by  
Margorie Witter Scott,

X School - length of school day, year,  
number of classmates, how far  
they traveled to school, vacations,  
coined lunch ~~at~~ what home, high  
school, subjects taught, religion  
in school, books used

X Teachers - their age, education, discipline

X Playing - toys, games, friends, the  
creek

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grandpa W - Baptist church - often  
Went there with him. Maplehurst  
and country side divided. Coop  
in somethings - W.C.T.U -  
Very few Catholics - respected  
by most, but some radical - con-  
demned - Practically all except  
catholic children in Sunday School -  
The M.E. church ~~really~~ was the  
Episcopalians - deed & use of  
church for time - Social class -  
The M.E. church center of social life  
in Hinsdale. Suppers, entertain-  
ments

Mama cooperative

Halloween Hunts sponsored  
Kissing games  
Church suppers - at homes or  
church. 10¢ - Chicken & biscuit -  
baked beans & scalloped potatoes  
Brown bread, ~~coffee~~ Mary Wood we eat  
coffee - big kettle -  
Halloween -  
entertainments

5/2 Shock to Hinsdale  
have now come to the general  
feeling of Home - I have already  
told ~~much~~ some about our resp  
our responsibilities and discipline -  
Each child as soon as able was  
given certain chores, working  
together as a unit, the older ones  
watching out for the younger,  
at all times, working as a family.  
Each child required a different  
method of discipline. Mamma  
would say to me "Good little -

My aim was to be - This same  
basic motivation lasted until  
after my mother's death; when  
I was 24 yrs old -

Marian, with her charming ways  
usually did pretty much as she  
wished - She 'helped' me with  
dishes, bed making etc etc -

Few is was given heavy respon-  
sibilities, early - the lawn then  
care & milking of cow. Obedient  
dependable

## Church & Religion

are many scenes  
among earliest recollections. -  
church - M. E. S. S. - <sup>primary</sup> Teacher - Pennies -  
Picture cards - golden text - at  
home - at the cross - Prayers - Now -  
Bible reading - Hildates - etc. Book of  
Bible Stories - well loved - junior  
League - Mildred P. Quarterly  
Mildred's Wedding - Mary Calkins  
Anti Cant Club -

Revivals - no pressure on me  
because Mama - 12 or 14 yrs old -  
Papa's re-dedication - Mon. a. m.  
Prep. for ministry. Mama steadfast  
to her beliefs but cooperative Papa  
gradual withdrawal from M. E.

Finding Val. 1 Studies - ? contact  
gatherings - gradual etc  
S.S. at home - forbidden M. E. -  
I resented but obeyed - learned  
to tolerate and keep my mouth  
Shut

5)

### Home Remedies.

For respiratory infection or other inflammation, turpentine & laud, onion poultice, mustard plaster

cough - onion syrup, lemon juice, honey & melted butter, or vinegar molasses & melted butter -

general tonic - Squaw Vine, Boneset tea, sulphur & molasses, cod liver oil, cold baths, aescophytida

I must also - Indian Poultices -

### Dentists -

Taught to clean our teeth with salt or soda - I preferred salt -

Then Cal. Perfume co - Avon - Tooth soap - Never to dentist until after marriage - Checked & cleaned very little else to be done - Regular 6 mo check-ups for self & family

Dr. Lawrence Shaver for years - now have partial effect lower -

4)

We knew that sometimes someone had surgery, but I knew little about it until about 1908 when Mrs. G- tumor removed - She went to Hosp. in Olean - <sup>partially</sup> recovered but did not live long thereafter.

Soon - tonsils & adenoids - Surgeons came to homes, operated on kitchen table

My first experience with hospitals was Feb. 1914 when I was taken into Higgins Mem. now Ol. Gen - my relief - kept my milk - a very good ~~ex~~ introduction. Continued to favor hospital care -

In his office Dr. D. mixed his own prescriptions - for refill return bottle if liquid - He kept records so refills were possible but not as general as now quinine, calomel, Santanin powder Compound cath - Beef Liver & Wine, Pat. med - Smith Bros, Cough drops, Lydia Pinkham's Veg. Comp. Medicine men shows - OVER - Dr. Williams Pink Pills

General

Home remedies: Sassafras  
turpentine and laud, mustard plaster  
Onion poultice, cold baths  
castor oil, cod liver oil, boneset  
(Indian hemp & opium)  
tea, jelly, sulphur & molasses, was  
Onion syrup, lemon juice & honey  
Vinegar & molasses -

OVER

Narrow porch ~~gives~~  
front of office bldg  
steps leading up to it.  
~~One could walk into~~  
~~a dark~~ ~~dark~~ behind the  
steps under the porch-  
~~at the~~ My early be-  
lief was that babies  
slid down from  
heaven on a moon  
beam.

The space under  
porch seemed very  
mysterious to me  
My belief

I would now like to finish the story of my father's religion. One of the fundamentals of their belief was that the 'present evil age' would end by or before Oct. 1, 1914. W.W. I did begin in Aug. 1914. The true believers were to be "glorified" by that time. As time passed it became apparent that there had been some miscalculation.

<sup>still trusted</sup>  
~~after~~ In 1916 Pastor Russel died. He was the author of 6 Vol. Studies --, revered leader and pres. of the corporation which owned the printing plant where all <sup>abg</sup> the Bible was published and the <sup>abg</sup> house where the itinerant preachers, called Pilgrim Bros. and their wives lived.

Pandemonium broke loose!  
~~among the itinerant preachers!~~  
Their leader was gone! Each one of them wished to be leader.  
Power struggle ensued -

Pandemonium broke loose in  
~~near~~ Bible House in Brooklyn where  
the itinerant preachers, called  
Pilgrim Bros. lived and where the  
2-6 Vol. Studies had been printed.  
They were supposed to all be  
glorified together! The leader was  
gone. ~~Each~~ a power struggle  
ensued. <sup>7/21</sup>

2) One of the Pilgrim brothers was a  
lawyer and <sup>also</sup> a judge. He had the knowledge and  
the power to get possession of the  
property. Five or six of the others  
started their own splinter groups.  
Papa ~~at~~ putting out printed matter  
etc. Papa studied all and after  
some time selected Paul Johnson,  
an English Jew, as the best. He  
had quite a following, published  
a magazine and tracts and held  
conventions. He preached my  
mother's funeral sermon a

7/16

a guest in Papa's home at the time.

~~Time - Oct 1914 - 3 1/2 yrs - 1/2 of 7+7+1/2~~  
~~Papa's attitude mama's death - 1918~~  
~~Papa & Nellie - devout Johnson?~~  
~~Elizabeth also, not Nelson & Leslie~~  
~~Toledo convention - Marie -~~  
~~marriage - still ex peeling - Survey -~~  
~~move to Georgia Natl Forest - Death -~~

There was also a coincidence about the date of mama's death. There is a prophecy about an interval of seven years, divided in half 3 1/2 yrs at "the time of the end" my mother died in April 1918 ~~from Oct 14~~ three and 1/2 yrs from Oct 14 my father believed that she was one of the 'Elect' and thus died ~~there~~. He felt that he had failed to merit the greatest prize but still was faithful to his ~~beliefs~~ <sup>his father</sup> belief. ~~My father~~ remarried, ~~Nellie~~ converted & faithful to ~~her~~ Died following child with

2/9 - Religion 2:30 - 2:40 - Paper 1;54-59

H) After a time he remarried,  
Nellie Stockin, A.N. who was a wonder-  
ful mother to the ~~three~~<sup>four</sup> younger  
children who were at home.  
She was converted and loyal to  
his beliefs. Their marriage  
lasted only about four years. She  
died, ~~follo~~<sup>of</sup> of an embolism following  
childbirth. The child also died soon  
after.

Later Papa attended conv. in

Toledo Ohio met Marie Gutknecht-  
a spinster of some means. She wanted  
a husband so they were married.  
A Bible ~~script~~ Verse from New T.  
advises, "When you see all these  
things come to pass, flee to the hills."  
She was even more positive than  
my father. Accordingly, when he  
was no longer able to work, they fled  
to the National Forest in Georgia.  
Started a home but Papa died  
of heart attack - Fall of 1931.

~~Intro~~ On the first 3 tapes I have pretty well covered the main events in my life. This outline now asks me to turn to a more historical viewpoint - all in Hinsdale N.Y. and my personal experience.

I will first take higher education - its availability, career choices for men and for women and then local perceptions of bigotry, sin, alcoholism etc.

U.S.A. 1960

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Marjorie

~~Ashore was also Westbrooks Commercial academy in Cleam which trained in business and secretarial skills.~~

~~perception - understanding - ideas re-local~~

~~obstinate to cause or creed~~

~~Bigotry - illiberal - intolerant - esp. religion~~

~~Bigots in any religion - organization~~

~~Bigots in any religion - organization~~

~~opposed to Catholicism - papism~~

~~Labor unions - W.C.T.U. - Womens rights~~

~~Country town - <sup>2 or 3</sup> covers several Bigots~~

<sup>now</sup> ① See astro for local perceptions of -  
about thoughts, ideals, deals. I have been  
a thinking person for 85 years. This is  
difficult, but I'll try to analyse and  
compare as best I can -

4- Alcoholism - ~~Drunks part~~ Drunkenness?

5- W.C.T.U - Medical - prohibition - repeal -

Personal matters - disease - public help - Sympathy

5- We can not legislate morality - adultery - divorce

② Develop need of Ethical & Moral Standards

6. Socialism

7. also under Bigotry ② minorities & immigration

## 1) Higher Education

at the turn of the century  
8th grade - everyone. Hinsdale  
& mephistle & all large school  
districts - high school subjects -  
Fredonia Normal - expense nominal,  
many opportunities to earn B & R -  
Alfred univ. <sup>B & R</sup> Both these for teach-  
ing or foundation for other  
professional training.

many of the smaller colleges were co ed -  
universities ~~large~~ were often for men  
only and some for women only,  
and larger colleges more apt  
to be for men or women only.

There were also denominational  
schools for educating priests,  
pastors and church leaders.

St. Bonita and Colgate Rochester  
started early. During the  
middle years of the century  
many Evangelical Fundamentalist  
groups started their own ~~these~~  
schools - Oral Roberts is one.  
~~\* Centralized schools Bores~~ ~~as schools~~

## 2-A Centralization.

In the 1920 the idea of Centralization began to be agitated by the State Dept of Education. We first heard of it thru the Grange. I was appointed delegate to go to a meeting in Buffalo where the idea was presented and explained. The Grange favored the idea and worked with our Dist. Super <sup>SAF</sup> to promote it.

Howard Crosby, who was by then Hinsdale's chief employer, pres. School board <sup>also</sup> ~~joined~~ one of the largest taxpayers, joined the fight and it could be called a fight. Many, for various reasons, said it just couldn't be done, and takes? About 1930, H'd School Dist no 2 voted to centralize, build a school house by busses, hire more teachers and otherwise com-

20)ply with state requirements. This getting in on the ground floor was of great value to Hinsdale, starting with a nucleus of rural districts and gradually drawing others from Olean, Portville, Cuba, Joshua. The greatest amount of credit, I'm sure, should go to Howard Crosby. He worked untiringly ~~for the~~ for the good of comm.

Educational opportunities increased rapidly all through the 1900s. Ag Schools were established ~~early~~. Later came Boys and other plans whereby one could learn a trade or a skill

to 2 - The cost of —

~~Careers - They could also be a woman could also be a secretary, telephone operator, nurse, house keeper, Sales person or just a hired girl - a household worker -~~

~~Some were born school teachers~~

2) <sup>B</sup> Cost of education has doubled quadrupled during recent years, but early in century almost any one person of intelligence and determination, could attain a chosen goal.

~~Large Univ.~~  
Centralization  
Careers -

When I was young the most popular career for women was marriage, motherhood and home-making. Any other employment was, hopefully, only temporary. <sup>Some</sup> ~~were~~ ~~born~~ school teachers. Grandma

~~Marion~~ taught 16 terms, very successful. She was engaged for seven years to my grandfather, N. J. N. By mutual consent their marriage was delayed until he was thoroughly established in the business world - a general store in ~~St. Paul~~, N.Y. After marriage she continued to be most interested in books.

She was no housekeeper or by

~~2 A~~ Any other employment  
Was, hopefully, only temporary.  
A Woman could also be a  
Secretary, telephone operator,  
Nurse, Housekeeper, Sales Person  
or just a 'hired girl', household  
Worker.

My grandma Norton, it seems  
Was perhaps a born school teacher.  
She taught, very successfully  
for 16 terms. She was engaged  
for seven years to be married  
to my grandfather, N. J. Norton.  
By mutual consent their marriage  
was delayed until he was thoroughly  
established in the business world, a  
general store in Hinsdale. After marriage  
she continued to be most interested  
in books. She was no housekeeper or  
by

3) ~~What~~ I have been told, home -  
maker! My grandfather built  
a second upright on to their  
upright and wing home for his  
personal use - as supervisor,  
Justice of Peace, other political  
offices - business.

Gifted women chose careers  
according to their ability; in the  
the entertainment World of  
art, literature, music. The (2)

Opportunities for them have  
steadily increased. This is  
true also for colored, both  
men and women.

For men, early career choices  
were: Farming especially for  
sons of prosperous land owners;  
business or merchant and <sup>professionally</sup> <sup>professsionally</sup> Lawyer, <sup>Engineer</sup> - Army or Service -  
Barker

NO W-

4 min

World War I opened a door to women

① The labor and career situation has constantly changed as well as ~~education~~ preparation. Like everything else, the opportunities in career selection have changed all through the century.

World War I opened the doors of labor to women and increased education made everyone more competent.

Now previously unheard of things: The electronic age has so changed all our concepts.

② that children in school learn by computer, and practically all business is carried on by computer.

It is all really beyond me to discuss present job opportunities.

There is less call for labor and more call for know-how and understanding.

The fact that I am able to record onto tapes still sort of boggles my mind, although it has been a worth while experience.

③ and I have ~~discovered~~  
~~that~~ proven that you  
can teach an old  
dog new tricks.

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Katherine Monroe

2) Thelma - uncomplicated - healthy - lots  
of black hair -  
gained <sup>some</sup> perspective. Converted Modern Mth -  
registered her Little Baby Club - Monthly Inst -  
Sucking - Battle - result according to  
Psychologist, years later -

Anna Belle May 1918. That summer -

Mama had died - We adjusted our own  
differences -

mine mail route - Finances

Pride or Prig. I knew from  
reading <sup>some</sup> novels that I was  
missing something.



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3) Constant change from, faster  
after World War I - Higher More  
and more people were able to  
attain higher education. Trade  
centralized schools - Schools - B O C E S etc - Culture?

Now - confusion -

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Women Careers -  
Very little consideration before 25 yrs -  
Sales persons etc  
Labor force W. W. I - Open doors  
to all careers now. Success in  
most

~~1~~ It is really beyond me to discuss ~~of~~ ~~of~~ career opportunities now.

~~2~~ & discuss present job opportunities.

~~3~~ I have grandsons working with all sorts of electronic equipment, which I can not comprehend, in America and Asia, Saudi Arabia, Tom in Coast Guard and if it would be called a career, those with Wycliffe in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Brazil and Philippines.

Though she lived a little less than 1 year  
The time when ~~she~~ Anna Belle Was a Baby Was  
one of the happiest of my life-  
Miner - mail - reg. income, home <sup>because on due</sup> own decisions  
~~because~~ <sup>shot</sup> ~~mama had died~~ it was better for relationship  
Doing Miner made the garden - cell I did spring  
1918 was be M + W. memory - ironing  
Dressing - <sup>asleep -</sup> ~~shining~~ - Sewing.  
up to Fathers house -

Albumen in my urine - diet -

Went to Dr. Batt - Conformed to his advice -

I woke up Wed. a.m. pain - intermittent  
up & down stairs - hot sitz baths -

7) ~~House~~ was born 6:00 a.m. Sat - convulsions  
Mama midwife - hired girl for housework -

Reg. nurse for ten days - Dr. Mountain  
& hospital - by Eric.

In the spring we rented the down-  
stairs of the ~~2nd~~ <sup>4th</sup> house up the street -

1914. We lived there about 2 yrs -

as wife - disappointment to M. He was  
loyal & very patient with my moods.  
as a mother - devoted - followed ~~her~~  
mother's child care methods. Marian  
& Mama much help -

Gradual improvement - 1916 pregnant  
again. ~~Daughter~~ Miner I was still happy

preparing lovely clothes for my little girl;  
Papa was all faith & optimism. Miner  
was much concerned as to my health -

I failed him in a way I fell short of  
~~being a perfect~~ my duty as a wife, but also. Mama  
emphasized with both of us -

What a wonderful mother she was - !

1. Another way in which I have  
shown my basic appreciation of  
nature and all her ways is through  
my interest in ~~and~~ all grow-  
ing vegetation. Early memories  
include roaming the woods &  
~~fields~~ with Aunt Ruby - over

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Part 10 min

looks into the woods finding where different things grew.

Noticing arbutus, hepaticas, blood root, violets, purple & yellow.

Wax myrtle, white pine, & yellow pine.

Aboriginal art, arrowheads, & Indian relics.

My enjoyment of growing things -  
Aunt Ruby's trailing arbutus -  
Bloodroot - roadside going home -  
Grandma's rose geranium - pick a  
leaf - rub in hands - scent roses -  
School contest - first to bring in -  
fill over the ground -  
Myrtle - under locust tree - I was  
also very conscious of our soft maple.  
red blooms - grandpa's Balm of G. pine <sup>top</sup> top  
Violets - Wood's flats - Nortons -  
Papa came after us - home to re-  
make bed - Spearmint & peppermint  
later - Seeks, Watercress, cowslips  
by creek - up on farm

I was fascinated to watch Papa plant  
early veg - lettuce, radish, onion. When  
the quite young I soon planted  
morning glories along porch in Hinsdale  
when 7 or 8 - from then on I usually  
had a small, more and more garden,  
always carefully working up the soil,  
with my hands before planting  
at Alfred <sup>Botany</sup> Zoology 1st up high  
Field trips -

2) These field trips gave me a back-ground of info. Which I have used ever since enjoying walks or rides the great outdoors.

In aefid I had instruction in Gardening, Insect pests and landscape gardening all of which I used as soon as we had a place of our own - ~~my nature eng~~

On these field trips we learned to identify families of plants by leaf formation, parts of flower - seeds etc

Maple Syrup -  
One of my ~~very happy~~ <sup>early</sup> memories is of  
Grandpa Witter taking me with  
him to the sugar bush - a  
grove of maple trees, way back up  
on the hill. We would have  
ridden on either a bob sled or  
a stone boat, horse drawn -  
~~I think - later in season -~~  
There is something about being  
out in the open spaces, in con-  
tact with Nature, when the  
seasons are changing, which still  
~~would thrill~~ me - as soon as  
we arrived at the scene of  
action I was allowed to run  
around and peek into the sap  
buckets, have a drink of sap  
and then watch the process -  
There was a ~~stone~~ flat pan  
perhaps 4' x 8' sitting on a stone  
arch <sup>same size</sup> partly filled with boiling

2) liquid. It is necessary to boil away 40-50 gallons of water to produce one gallon of maple syrup. In a good run of sap it was ~~often~~ sometimes necessary to boil day and night to take care of it. The fire was fed from the open end of the arch. Keeping a good supply of cut wood at hand was an important part of the process.

By this experience I was 'conditioned' so that in the spring of 1921, after we had purchased the Will Hile farms including a sugar bush and equipment, I just had to take my 18 mo. Dick, the horse and Wagon and go up the hill.

3) my operation was crude - I just gathered up dead branches for fuel. There was already a shed to house the equip - so we had shelter if it stormed but the couch was out in the open. I fixed a bed in a storage tank, lying on its side for Dick to take his nap -

Miner always came and helped me when he was through with the mail, but I was the one who wanted to do it, the driving force to carry on, year by year, enlarging the operation until we had modern equipment and regular customers for syrup -  
100s of people shared that special joy with me and it is a link with them still -  
Carol Betty Redding -

4) <sup>Maple-  
children;</sup> My grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many others spent happy and learning times with me - in the sugar bush - I received a card today from a Wartime girl friend of David's who spent one night with me there. She was remembering me now, because of that night of companionship tending fire to boil sap.

After the sugar house was built I had it fixed up "with all the comforts of home" - a work bench with straw tick and blanket to make a bed - boxes nailed up in the corner to hold dishes and <sup>sup-</sup> some food and tools. We boiled eggs in the sap, baked potatoes in the ashes in ash pit, and made stews etc in covered iron skillet under the fire - ash pit - The sugar house was built

See Comello Project

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Sue Covello project. 3/15/89  
Part of letter, received last mark from Sue -

"I have some very important  
work for you to do, in the months  
to come!"

Package includes tape of her  
parents (Nelson & Carol) grandparents  
and brother in 1955, and other  
"Tapes of stories told by my ma-  
ternal grandmother's sister, Amy  
Mayo" also all supplies and  
equipment to make eight, 90  
minute tapes and mail them  
back to her. (Sue) —————

"We have Amy's ~~tapes~~ stories  
about times we never knew,  
Nothing would make us happier  
than to have your stories, too."  
There follows directions about  
tape recorder and the offer to  
make copies for any of my  
family who wished them, and  
send them back to whoever.  
Balance of letter personal.

2)

"Here are a few suggestions for topics for the tapes."

Sue, Sue.

A personal history of life in the 1900's in Hinsdale, N.Y. by Marjorie Witter Scott -

School  
School - length of day, year,  
no. of classmates, how far travelled to  
School, vacations, lunch - home or  
carried, high school subjects taught,  
religion in school, books used.  
Teachers - age, education, discipline.  
Play time - Toys, games, friends  
the creek.

Brothers & Sisters good times and bad -

Home responsibilities, discipline,  
pets, hunting, fishing

Holidays - special foods - get togethers

Church - Role in community life

Religion at home -

3

The rest of the 'suggestions,' two pages or more along the line of philosophy - the effect of different changes on society, and the reactions of different people.

I would like to at least start this project. I do not think I could do it without help, and I know of no free help available. Thelma feels that it is not "to the glory of God," and would not want to support it in any degree. I will not undertake it, unless you <sup>3</sup> Sons approve. Please consider carefully. You may read the whole letter if here. It is ten 8 1/2 x 11 in sheets.

You may also hear <sup>the</sup> Amy's Tapes and judge the equipment.

Personal life in Hinsdale, N.Y.  
in 1900s by Marjorie Witter  
Scott

School - Facilities - teachers  
training, discipline, sub-  
jects taught, games

Playmates - Boys

Family life -

Home - heating, plumbing etc  
brothers + sisters - discipline

Trips ~~#~~

Adolescence?

Boy Friends - girl Friends

continued on 1-B

Announcement - Aug 31

→ School Vacations + Books

Fishing + Hunting

Family Good Times + Bad Times

Responsibilities + Discipline

Tape II

Baby clothes

albumen

H. Bon

Hospital

7 lyte house

Phelma

anna Belee

Happiness

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A

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15 min.

Wedding clothes

Shower - quiet.

wedding - 7/25

honey moon

first abode

miss Woods -

job -

friendship 1913

to Kinsdale

Baby clothes

13 min.

2.00

2.00

7.11

3.70

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Wedding?

Honey moon -

8.45

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2) A) To prepare for a profession other than teaching, a degree from a larger university was usually required. This was more expensive, but still

Dear Mr. Loring in Care of:

Mr. Loring  
1440-0203  
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Massachusetts State Convention Center

5) of new lumber, boarded up.

This gave us plenty of space to write, any message we wished. Each different party of visitors usually wrote up something special.

When the Quiga house was being built I had broken my nose riding down the hill on my belly on the • I ran into a tree! Written

on the wall, except it still says "Marjorie bets Fred (file) that She will still ride down the hill belly kev bunk, forty years from now when she will be eighty six years old." But I didn't!

One of the most sacred Mt. Top exp. of my life was on Easter a.m. I had boiled alone all night, Went outside as day dawned - looking to the east - my heart filled with worship + adoration - 5 min

It is now the 23rd  
of March, 1990. I've  
been very slow  
in recording these  
tapes. The electronic  
age is just beyond  
me. I could not  
have done it  
except for the  
help of my  
wonderful friend  
and former  
neighbor. I now  
want to finish  
this third tape.  
I have thought  
long and  
seriously about  
my personality.  
Perhaps it would  
be more accurate  
to consider  
independence

as my outstanding  
trait. It is still  
~~sufficient~~ for me to  
accept gracefully  
the many favors  
which ~~she~~  
given me.

Now I would like to  
Recalling the  
past memories

Tape III Side B

B) ~~concerns as of personality~~  
my deep religious belief in  
the basic teachings of Christianity —  
'That God so loved the world that  
he gave his only begotten Son' was  
given me by my parents, school teachers  
and school teachers.

and School Teachers.  
Next to that I think that Determination - Very strong will is my strongest trait. This can be either good or bad - ~~Each one person chooses~~ It can be just plain stubbornness, of which I have ~~often~~ often been guilty. On the other hand it can be the God given power by which we soar. It is by using these natural tendencies that we develop our personalities.

our personalities.  
I think my first concept of myself as a person was that I was, "a good little girl. Very soon came the idea that I was physically inferior to my sister, Marian. This I accepted philosophically. When I went to school

2) I gained confidence, because I could compete scholastically.

I then tended to become self-righteous. I remember - I made some derogatory remark to some - one in Mama's presence. She corrected me. <sup>Blunt</sup> It is the truth! She - The truth - That gave me much food for thought. I ~~hope~~ profited. As the years passed I became more and more tolerant and have had to accept many facts re my own family which 75 yrs ago would have been soundly condemned - Today, I love people, love to share their experiences and try to analyze them. More flies have been caught. I read Positive Thinking

3) Buy N.O. Peale when it first came out. The His principles along with St. Paul's advice - Whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue of any praise - think on these things have been <sup>guide</sup> ~~a measuring~~ stick to me ever since.

I am generous with time and effort but frugal in money matters.

I love to entertain - I always enjoyed making ~~christmas~~ <sup>gifts - great grandma</sup> presents or ~~winter~~

Through the years I have usually appeared calm, sometimes phlegmatic on the surface but have always had deep emotions inside - love and sympathy and also ~~out~~ anger if anyone was wronged - ~~slow to react~~ That is why ~~slow~~ I would interfere turning my father's anger to

4) myself. If I thought he was  
being harsh with one of  
the younger children -

There was one incident <sup>1914</sup>  
occurred some time after I  
was married and away  
from home. We were to  
be in the Flyte house, just up  
the street. The Methodist  
I did not have as good  
laundry facilities so brought  
my family laundry down to  
my mother's to do.

The M.E. church was hold-  
ing Revival meetings. My  
father was concerned, be-  
cause I had boarded the  
evangelist and Marian Mama  
had allowed Marian to attend  
the meetings, which were  
critical of Papas belief.

1) First concept as person - good little girl  
physically less att. than Marian  
philosophically as I went to school  
I could compete with those older -  
so I gained confidence - self respect -  
marian + 2 different personalities -

~~1-B~~ - ~~1-2~~

~~It is proper pride, self respect, which  
has from Guideposts. Pride is a feeling  
of contentment in who you are  
as God made you, a value that  
honors His work. If one can reach  
this attitude, at the same time avoid-  
ing self conceit and keeping in  
tune with the infinite, he can  
make progress. I just assumed that I  
could do whatever I determined  
sometimes stubborn,  
I read Power of Pos. Think - by NLP  
first out. This along with  
became a guide to me -  
whatever things as good report -~~

5) The scene is: ~~Papa~~ The family at dinner table, our Aunt Hertie a guest. I was doing laundry in the kitchen. Papa was considering going out calling on people to defend his beliefs. He turned to Marian and began criticizing her for attending meetings and bore on very hard. Aunt Hertie spoke up in Marian's defense. Of course I was listening. When I had heard enough, I grabbed the dishpan, ~~fat~~ dipped it in the rinse water and took it in Dining room and doused my father - Mama said, "Why Marjorie!"

6) Then silence.

Both M + P left the table  
and went in the bedroom.

In a few minutes they came  
back to the table, Papa apol-  
ogized to Aunt Hertie and  
Marian for losing his  
temper - asked their forgiveness.  
That is the kind of man my  
father was.

5 min to here

I am romantic. I like to read  
a good clean romance or to dream  
up imaginary ones.

The beautiful companionship  
which developed after between  
Bill McCune and me, after we  
were both <sup>past</sup> ninety years old, sat-  
isfied my romantic longings.

We agreed from the first that

Kanakadeas

7) neither of us was interested in remarriage. We both had were maintaining our own homes and had <sup>income</sup> children, and some ~~is~~ income some property.

He was very depressed, having recently lost his third, dearly beloved, wife and one of his four sons. Another son was very ill with cancer at the time. So he desperately needed someone a true, understanding friend. This I was able to be. We corresponded regularly, and during good driving weather he came up from Titusville, to see me, about once in three weeks. It is a hundred mile drive, one way. He would rent a room & breakfast, usually Sat. P.M. to Monday - we were so happy to be together, sharing a love of beauty

8) <sup>nature,</sup> in music - poetry - form -  
Our backgrounds were very  
similar, also - religion (he Methodist)  
<sup>School Days</sup>  
Ideas of propriety, respectability etc -  
This beautiful friendship and  
love we enjoyed for about a  
year and a half, until May &  
June 1989. On his way home from  
Olean, he met with an auto accident  
which resulted in his death.

It was God's perfect answer to  
a difficult situation. We had  
grown very close - ~~had longed~~  
~~to be together -~~ he was 94 - no  
longer competent to drive back &  
forth or to properly keep house

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9) and care for himself. I still did not feel that I could give up my friends, church & family here and go to Titusville

One of the things which we very much enjoyed doing together was visiting and caring for the graves of our deceased spouses - I loved Lora because he did and I wanted to make him happy - Three minutes more to here Eight minutes total

The first time he came to house - Do you have the old Kanata deer? The Alfred 89, 90, 91 year book - Immediately I was thrilled - <sup>events</sup> recalling common remembrances etc. I said to David, I'm looking over old K-s with an Alfred school mate - having the time of my life! I have thought much kinds of love - That was most beautiful -

1] This period 1918-1920 most imp.  
turning point in life - Mama had  
died April 1918. Up to that time  
dependent - opinions + advice.

~~good people - bad things~~  
In my concept black - white -  
everything either right or wrong -  
My interest - self. I <sup>was at sea</sup> could then  
no longer lean on her.

Angeline Rayes great help in  
starting <sup>me</sup> to mature. Olday, a  
former school teacher, Christian  
experienced in ways of world

Page 3 side B

Home Beauna was being organized  
about this time

She would listen to me and advise.  
In spring of 1919 we moved  
into Camer house - former  
boarding house - Travelers  
were sent to me <sup>that</sup> I took  
one of the first ~~to~~ <sup>that</sup> in  
W. W. Rep. Comm. Chautauquas  
an entertainment and  
instruction project. Both  
mine & I became involved  
with that and supported it  
~~I then~~ in ensuing years when it came  
~~I then~~ Red Cross sponsored C.S.T.  
and gradually became Philanthropist  
who acc to Webster One who loves & seeks to  
over benefit

2) A

and seeks to benefit mankind.

One of the first org. I joined was  
Hus. Imp. Soc. We helped with

Decoration Day Sew, as G A R  
dwindled, took care of Paul -

Sponsored Old Home Days and  
Started to provide playground  
equip. but learned that because  
of laws about liability insurance  
that we could not swing that -

In the early days of that we  
placed road signs, Speed limit  
10 mi. per hr. When my father  
saw them he just laughed and  
said, "Why make it any more  
bucolic than it is?"

I also joined Sunshine Soc.  
Rebekahs, Grange, M.E. Women, all  
benevolent organizations.

Sunshine Soc, Rebekahs, grange  
M.E. Women

2) All benevolent. ~~Chautauqua~~

One of my first independent  
ventures into the was when the  
Pratt family, tenant farmers with  
large family, lost their home  
and all contents by fire -

12 in squares old muslin -  
canvassed village - <sup>asking</sup> met at  
our house & tied quilt -

I never did any big important  
thing - just little deeds of kind-  
ness, <sup>helpfulness</sup> which I could do -

I got into politics, locally just  
a little when I was asked to  
run for town clerk on Rep. ticket.  
The incumbent, a democrat  
Was excellent, no fault to be  
found, and he lived in Village.

My own only ~~for~~ ground  
for asking for votes, was that

Home scenes

3) he had had it so long, some one else should be given a chance. I canvassed house to house, the whole Township, making new friends and learning much about how the other side lived. I loved it. He won by two votes!

It would also be politics, I suppose, my circulating petit and helping my friend Elodine Bawter to obtain app't as P.m - I took census for Hinsdale 1950-

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When Home Deacons was formed early 1920's I was active in forming H.D. unit & app'd Nutrition leader. Went to Ocean for instruct then taught local group. Of course, Alfred <sup>school</sup> helped - Thanks to Clara Taylor - David Soaby

4) In 1916 joined F. B. C. + <sup>B. B.</sup> new  
groups - active - elec. pres. +  
taught, also choir parties - as  
minister's wife, Deaconess - calling  
on members - loved it + Olean -  
Choir parties - once a month -  
Old Farm house - Halloween -  
Pump, pie, and 1/4 Hauser - stay  
rides

School Teach - In 1911 I ~~made my~~  
~~choice between~~ decided upon  
marriage <sup>+ mother -</sup> as most imp to me.  
By 1929 I had more or less  
proven myself along those lines.  
Dick, my youngest was old enough  
for Kindergarten and my per-  
sonal desire for ambition  
was beginning to stir, so I  
Went to Teacher Jr. Class in  
Olean - Ethelma took over

5) much of the housework, as  
I promised her help for Beto  
State Teachers, when I had a job.  
By some standards I may  
have been judged as failing  
mine, in this. He was willing  
for me to go to T.T.C. and looked  
forward to the extra income.  
I taught two years across from  
Crosby Dairy. Then came the  
depression and scarcity of jobs  
of any kind, so the general  
sentiment was against Married  
Women being employed.

~~In~~ In 1942-43 I became  
part of the labor force, working  
at National Munitions, in Eldred-  
Gilbert 7- D.S. of Schools - came to  
<sup>say</sup> me and asked me to teach on  
<sup>permit</sup> the 7 mile, which I did -  
<sup>final</sup>  
<sup>only</sup> for two years. The winter  
of 1944 was very hard -

(6) roads blocked - three whs or snow  
Loyal - Stns, school bus, by  
Fitch - Wade 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles - sputter-  
ing fire, ice covered Wood etc -  
Atg - I decided I had had  
enough of teaching country schools  
~~my license~~  
St. Bonas - T.T. Class ~~was~~ licensed  
me to teach not over three  
years and that in country schs.  
only. So I continued my edu-  
cation by ext. Friedman's  
and work at St. Bonas - I could  
When Thelma transferred to  
Geneseo from Bflo I had the idea  
of going to G. With her putting  
the boys, D & D in school there  
renting rooms for light hsk -  
I planned we would all come  
home Fri. P.M. to late Sunday and  
stock up on food and take care of  
minis - mine's ans. N.O.  
Baptist Church

7) As the wife of a B.L.C.D  
member to N.R.L.C.A  
Was asked to join Any, object  
to help our husbands and to be  
a force for good in our resp.  
Comm. I joined the Catt. Co  
unit when first formed. The  
one payment of dues included  
included  
memb. in State & Natl. Co. meetgs  
Spring & Fall State conv. once a yr  
Natl. I held various offices  
becoming N.Y. State President in  
1958. My work in this org.  
greatly broadened my horizons.  
Miner was pleased and supported  
me loyally. It took us to  
meetings all over N.Y. State  
and to National Conventions.  
We made many friends,  
By corresp. comad, minn - Visit

8) When we located in 5-80 in  
Dunedin Fla in 1962 of course  
We joined the members assoc-  
and I became active. The set-  
up was - 580 was a small park,  
the owners in debt on the  
purchase price but anxious to  
improve facilities and make  
it a happy commu. The  
residents were cooperative.

If we <sup>group</sup> desired certain things  
it would be discussed with manag-  
ment. They would furnish some  
cash or materials and we would  
do help with the work - I was  
one of the younger ones, so was  
better able to refinish Table Tops, Wax  
the floor of rec hall for dancing etc -  
It was a congenial bunch of people  
and a happy time - very happy -

9) Now I am a member of a diff. community - Eden Heights.

Nobody can understand what it means to a person to find him or herself in a place like this, until it is experienced. I am content and I try to be an optimist - always emphasizing the bright side. I am willing to listen, to anyone, ~~whether~~ they talk whatever they like. Many of us need to be listened to. I do.

I still keep in touch with friends from each group - many rural caravans & wives - far & oh

Side B about middle  
Tape 3

Side A Tape 3  
starts with  
Papa buried  
talk of marriage  
after  
marriage  
Barnbridge  
back to Mother's  
1st pregnancy  
"baby clothes"  
"Howard was red"

Side A last

P. I notes ~~Kimono~~ <sup>pink</sup> ~~Pat~~  
did not go well  
with his complexion.  
at 6 mo. Dr.  
discovered Albumen  
7 forward's birth  
convulsions - 17  
Mother mid-wife  
fever - hospitals  
D + C  
1914 - rented house  
1916 - pregnant

P. 2  
Iphelma's birth  
Psychologist

~~1918 Anna Belle~~

Then in the Spring  
came Anna Belle  
ends side one

Tape III

Carol Stevens - 1918

Trumper - 1918

III Stage 2 - B, ended ~~so~~ <sup>overnight</sup> with the  
death of my father - He was brought  
to Hinsdale for a funeral in ~~my sister~~ formerly  
the Caverly home which had ~~been~~ been  
our family home, ~~for several years~~. He  
was buried in Hinsdale Cemetery - Maplehurst.  
between my mother <sup>Belle</sup> and step mother Nellie -  
Marie had financial means of her own,  
so she returned to Georgia and proceeded  
to build a large community house, in  
the National Forest, there. Her idea was  
that fellow believers, including her  
family would come there, forming a  
religious community. She and Papa  
had filed a claim to the land, which needed  
only to be proven by occupancy.

She had the foundation laid and chim-  
neys for at least two fireplaces, the frame  
up and siding on, ~~also~~ <sup>wood</sup> also windows in  
stalled, when she realized that nobody else  
was interested in a religious comm. there  
and her funds were running low.

She hung the L. R. up against the studs  
to shut off one room around a fireplace  
and made herself as comfortable as she  
could, <sup>while</sup> proving her claim.

After her claim was proven she moved to a  
out, <sup>rehabilitated herself</sup> got a job in school cafeteria. She always  
was an excellent cook. She lived in Cleveland.  
for several years. She sold the place to  
a Hunting Club and lived in Cleveland for <sup>one time</sup> for  
several years. The mail man noticed—  
Her sister Martha came and took charge—  
She saw that ~~Elma~~ and I only had kept in  
touch with ~~her~~ <sup>Marie</sup> so she sent me Marie's  
diamond and some other things easily  
mailable. Conclusion? ~~Analyze~~ <sup>use</sup>  
Intense religious belief—financier—  
Her + Papa's marriage a great advantage  
to us. We would have had to care for him  
for 7 years—of heart attacks in one of  
our homes—

Dear Magonee

12/9/89.

Both of us hope  
most sincerely  
The twenty-fifth day  
of December  
Will bring you more cheer  
And more pleasure  
this year  
Than any that you  
can remember!

Merry Christmas!

With love to you  
Esther + Dorothy.

III We visited her there on our way home from Florida, several years later. Her P.O. address was Sarah, Georgia. We went there to ask directions - a crude country store, a rack of perhaps 10 or 12 mail pigeon holes in one corner. It was 5 mi. out to her place, just a track. ~~ended few rods~~

As we had known her, she had been fastidious, demanding quality in everything, especially particular in caring for her beautiful long hair, ~~which had~~ never ~~having~~ been cut. We had to leave the car and walk the last few rods toward the house - as we approached she came around from behind. It seemed that she must be an apparition - non descript clothing, soiled from contact with the soil of her gardens, her hair disheveled partially confined in two long braids.

She welcomed us with open arms, made us comfortable as possible and entertained us over at least one night. She let us go through pictures and take whatever liked, also gave us relics of 'Mama' -

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The next 'chapter' according to Sue's  
outline is to be Woman's life -  
expectation as wife, community  
member, mother, as an indi-  
vidual - responses to these  
expectations. I plan to tell of my  
responses as I relate the events.

P I will start with  
as a wife. I am assuming  
that personal details are  
desired.

~~When~~ I began to  
as I matured and considered  
the future ~~that~~ the chief  
aim of almost every girl  
was to marry and have a  
+ family <sup>care for</sup> home - to be financially  
+ <sup>cherished</sup> supported. Any employment  
as a teacher or <sup>Sales Person</sup> ~~clerk~~ ~~house~~ ~~city~~  
was considered only temporary,  
until the right knight came  
along - Because school had  
been easy for me it was  
generally expected that I would  
be a school teacher. I did not  
want to be an old maid school  
teacher!

I was still much in love  
with Dean Gamble He was  
going on to agricultural college  
earning his own way and I  
knew would not be marrying for  
several years

~~now you~~  
I remember going for a walk  
2) <sup>with Marian</sup> One Sunday when M. was  
not allowed to come (with  
Marian) <sup>we went</sup> down the tow path  
to Fay Hollow road and back  
up the Main road; past Hamble's.  
Dean came out to the road  
and we talked a bit and M. & I  
Went on home.

3) after I was in bed that night  
I started crying. Marian called  
Mama but I could not tell them  
why I was crying. <sup>A</sup> By this time I M-  
<sup>was making noise</sup>  
That is when I made my de-  
cision to accept and enjoy Mire's  
attention. I respected and admired  
him and enjoyed being with  
him. I grew to love him deeply.

C. This was late summer  
1911. ~~Then~~ <sup>Miner</sup> Our courtship  
continued. I was selling  
McLean Black jewelry  
& Silver Ware in Cubas  
to earn money to attend  
N.Y.S.A. at Alfred. Miner  
came down from Friend-  
on the Erie train, too  
took me to lunch and  
we went for a walk -  
through the cemetery  
~~because~~ of so as to be  
alone. There he declared  
his intentions. ~~of us~~

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Mrs. Miner Scott 219 E. 1st St., Rochester, P.O. Box 56

It was not a question, but  
I knew he wanted an affirm-  
ative response. I asked for time.

**D** ~~So~~ A day or two later I wrote  
him a letter, still unwilling  
to be formally engaged, but  
acknowledging my admiring  
my pleasure in his company.  
He did not accept that. He came  
down to Cuba again in a  
few days and we walked out  
West of Cuba and sat under  
an acacia on the roadside bank -  
He insisted that he was going  
to buy me a ring. I finally  
agreed to accept it.

I chose an opal rather than  
a diamond

**P**

now of  
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now of  
now of

The following Sunday he brought the ring to my home in Hinsdale.

Our first kiss or embrace was ~~three weeks later~~<sup>sitting</sup> on a bench outside the church in Alfred, one evening. My mother had stressed to him her very strict rules of sexual conduct.

That whole winter of 1911-1912 <sup>practically</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> our only chance to be alone together was walking, outside or standing ~~under~~ <sup>near</sup> ~~the porch of the~~ <sup>the</sup> porch of the ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~ourselves~~ <sup>ourselves</sup>

I worked for my board at the Brick, the girls' dorm. another girl had to do the supper dishes before I could go out. By that time the crowd at the P.O. had dispersed and any cozy places, like the steps in the Old Steinheim, were already occupied. ~~so was appointed~~  
~~for~~ ~~of~~ ~~as~~ I was a ~~girl~~ <sup>pride</sup> ~~Response~~ very self-righteous because ~~I was~~ any intimacy between us was perfectly O.K. - We were engaged  
I was noticed and

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<sup>very</sup> mild temptations to flirt a little

Twenty five years later, I was  
told, "an attractive new girl  
came on campus - all the fellows  
wanted to date her. Miner was  
always right there so the poor  
guys never had a chance."

**P** When school closed we ret'd  
to resp. homes Miner - work - I  
suppose for money

Side B - Tape III

Annabelle's death  
but happy year  
ironing board  
up road to Father's  
house.

~~F~~ ~~B~~ Wedding clothes -  
my ~~trousseau~~ - ~~rainsoak~~  
Under garments & night  
gown, lace trimmed,  
Wedding gown - fine  
white  
V orle with tiny blue  
fleur de lis scattered ~~on~~  
sparsely over surface,  
lace plastron - all ~~hand~~  
made by me -  
Two showers - one  
best friends by Ruth  
& Mabel Morris -  
comforter - tied by  
guests -  
I also had two comforters  
on which I had learned to  
sew. Mama had red  
raspberries and can red raspberries  
and some vegetables. I did not  
go empty handed -

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## G

At that time, I had never heard of in Hinsdale, nobody had church Weddings. The nicest way was a home wedding for families and close friends, otherwise the couple and two attendants would go to the parsonage of choice, then either out or ~~at~~ to a home to eat.

We planned to be married by Rev. Cram at my parents home Aug. 21, 1913. Miner's sister Hazel was my maid of honor and Lloyd Weaver Miner's Best Man.

Aunt Ruby and Marian helped decorate the S.W. corner of the Parlor with Fern's, golden glow and white everlasting flowers - as the altar.

P Mama had made Brides cake - angel food and Wedding cake - dark fruit ~~chocolate~~ <sup>part of</sup> The Wedding cake was cut in small cubes, put in little boxes and tied with a yellow

H ribbon. This was used as favors at the table.

Mama & Aunt Ruby had also prepared a luncheon of cold, sliced boiled ham, potato salad rolls and ice cream & the cakes-

~~Leslie was ring bearer,~~  
my girl friends served-

After the luncheon I changed into my "going away" suit, but we just stayed at my parents home until after dark and then when the guests had all left.

I will now tell you about our plan for a honeymoon. We could not spend much money as we were going back to Alfred to school. Miner's mother owned <sup>part of</sup> a farm back up in the sticks - There was a house on it and beautiful pine woods. I wanted to camp there - so romantic - But

1) Miner's practical idea was  
2) to take his horse and buggy  
and drive to Elmira N.Y. to visit  
his sister Sue, ~~to~~ Canvassus  
Taking Subs, for a. a. as we went  
along, trading a sub. to paper for  
food & lodging each night.  
That is what we did. We were  
a week on the road - one  
maiden lady - black berries  
fresh home made bread -  
I really enjoyed the experiences.  
My life had been quite sheltered

5) Our first abode -  
3rd story - 2 rooms - Carry  
up water - down slopes, ~~the~~  
~~of bath on 2nd floor, 2 burner~~  
gas hot plate, & set on oven, orange  
crate cupboards - rug - box  
outside window - under eaves  
storage - I made it our home  
Settee ~~in L.R.~~ <sup>in company</sup> We lived happily  
there. Miner proved himself  
a good host - ~~He Went to~~  
~~Bed & Bro + Sis + Wives - m.~~  
~~Went out to sleep when no my~~  
~~one of my sisters came - Settee~~  
~~in L.R., slept child~~  
~~I was b. We were thus~~  
~~both my response was to be~~  
Very pleased - I was expressing  
my personality, as they  
say, now a days and he was  
playing his part.

6 I had however expected  
more romance in marriage  
Mine and I both loved to  
dance and I could feel so-  
matic along with the dance  
music. Otherwise he was  
all practical common sense.  
I was a bit disapp - but leaned -  
Of course everyone has prob-  
lems in adjusting to marriage.  
One Sunday, as soon as my  
work was done up I sat down  
to read "The Trail of the Honesome  
Pine". I lost myself <sup>whole</sup> in it and  
read on and on late into P. M.  
Mine expressed his displeasure.  
I knew he was right.

A more serious problem was  
the fact that all senior girls  
were supposed to spend four  
weeks practice housekeeping in  
the home of the ~~misses~~ Woods.  
I was conscientious and willing  
to do it. Mine stood up for  
his RIGHTS, which embarrassed  
me. I was torn both ways -  
~~Miss Angeline~~ who was head of  
the home <sup>and a maid</sup>. The household consisted  
of the 2 Miss Woods, two junior  
girls, paying room and board.

7A and the two seniors who were  
house practicing. It did not look  
quite right to Miss Angeline  
to have a man thrown in  
among them even though he was  
my husband. She put up a cot  
for him, which he occupied one  
night, but left at 6:00 a.m. That  
was not satisfactory, so they  
compromised. I could sleep at home  
but was to be at their place  
from 6:00 a.m. until the dinner  
work was done and things  
planned for breakfast at night.  
Of course I went to classes  
from there. I served two weeks  
as maid and then two weeks as  
housekeeper. I was given a good  
mark on the course and Miss  
W. recommended me highly to  
mined prospective employer. At  
least that is what she told

Mama-

7)

We graduated April 1913.  
Miner had accepted a good  
job on a farm in Bainbridge  
N.Y. The owner of the farm  
had written the school to  
recommend ~~someone~~ a grad-  
It is Don had been given an  
a.g. education, but had died.

~~Director thought~~ Du Bois had  
P re-miner & miss W- me-  
~~One never knows how~~  
~~things would have turned~~

~~out of~~ We were both pleased  
and anxious to go.

Miner's mother felt that  
she could not stand it to  
have her first born son so  
far away. She persuaded  
Father Volney (Miner's father) to  
offer him a job on his farm  
in Friendship, and pleaded  
with Miner to accept.

He agreed because it had been em-  
phasised to me that the man must  
always be the head of the house and  
of course there was also the question  
of filial duty. It was not nearly  
as good an offer as the Bainbridge <sup>job</sup>  
But Father S. would sign no contract.  
When my mother found out about  
that she protested, but to no avail.  
The job in Bainbridge was gone,  
so we went in with Miner. ~~out of~~

~~people and I proceeded to put~~  
~~people~~  
~~in with~~ until an abandoned  
house <sup>nearby</sup> bought for 100 was  
livable.

pliable.

The house attractive —

5) ~~The house also gordan, the former owner of the house had built a new~~

9) The house was rather attractive. What an old fashioned  $\frac{1}{2}$  story farm house with verandah across front. The former owner had built a new Victorian-(high) house and just moved out and left it, so it did not require much work to make it livable again - mainly the broken windows.

Father's bought a and hand cook stove. In my father's barn were stored remains of two grandfather's homes which had been broken up. We took bedroom furniture ~~at~~ + 1 rug from there **P OVER**

+ 1 inq  
least from there, Mother S. gave

10 <sup>m/s</sup>  
Gives a L.A. Carpet and Bed Room Suite etc -  
at Auction - I had Wedding pres.  
saved

Money from my father with  
which I bought set of dishes

& L.A. Curtains. So we

established our first  
real home - (a beautiful Boston)  
Rochester -

I had a good garden,

had to get water from

Alva J's pump - a few

rods - Wood for fuel,

Potatoes & milk <sup>were</sup> furnished.

P Father had not approved  
of mine marrying me -

I would never inherit any-

thing. All my people had was

kids. P Mother S. had no kids -

P

10. MR. FRIENDS

11. MATT DILLON

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ACROSS FROM NURSE'S STATION

X about ten years before and  
I was subject to frequent 'spells'

when she would be sick in bed  
for two or more days.

I, being right close by, it was  
easy to ask me to take over  
when she had a 'spell'. I was  
glad to do it and used the  
opportunity to ingratiate my-  
self with Father S. I had noticed  
things about Mother's housekeeping  
which annoyed him. One thing  
was that the big milk cans were  
seldom washed until time to  
take them to the barn at night.

Father would often do them then,  
so I took pains to wash them  
right after breakfast dishes and

8) put them out in the sun -

12) I was soon happy to see that I was pregnant, but not happy with the severe nausea. I did not want them to know it, as I expected their disapproval.

Fried salt pork was a regular food on their table. When cooking the picture <sup>TV</sup> ~~odor~~ <sup>CHARACTERS OF</sup> made me very ill. Mother <sup>TRIVIA</sup> ~~poor~~ <sup>in</sup> bed - I cut <sup>on</sup> the back ~~door~~ to leave.

I managed  
to keep it  
from them  
as long as we were  
until late

Aug. When the haying & oat harvest  
Were done Father decided he no  
longer needed Miner's help.

1. WHAT BI AVED) THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS ON TV?

1. THE RIFLEMAN
2. CANNON
3. THE LONE RANGER
4. LITTLE JOE
5. MR. PEEPERS
6. PALADIN
7. THE VIRGINIAN
8. THE THIN MAN
9. CAPTAIN KIRK

9 Father really loved me from then on

(B) We stored our goods back  
in my father's barn, and <sup>moved in with my</sup> people

Miner Went back to selling  
Amer. Agric. Minnie and I were  
both happy to be together during  
my first pregnancy. She had  
accepted Miner as a son, to  
replace her first born stillborn  
from when he first came to our  
house.

As Miner was away selling  
Amer. Agric. during the 6 weekdays,  
I fitted back in as Mother's Helper.  
I soon was busy <sup>and happy</sup> making  
Baby ~~babies~~

In those days babies were dressed  
quite differently than they are today,  
First, a belly band, about 6 x 30"  
was centered over the navel, then  
wound tightly around the abdomen  
and pinned with three or four  
small safety pins. It was im-  
portant to buy s. pins with coil  
gards, to prevent snagging and  
maintain firm pressure.

Next was the diaper, folded  
small <sup>1/2</sup> in. A made of birds eye

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Next was the diaper, folded small <sup>old</sup> into a Δ, made of buds-eye <sup>m. D</sup> cotton flannel or sometimes <sup>old</sup> muslin <sup>muslin like</sup>. <sup>1 1/2 in</sup> Vests or under shirt, this was often home made, but Reuben's double front knit vests were just coming on the market. Now a pinning blanket 20" x 30" placed under baby's hips and pinned up into a bag in which he could

P: kick freely but not be exposed up until about  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{4}{5}$  mo. babies were dressed dresses + petticoats

OVER



soft all wool material, when  
baby was put into short dresses,  
full length all wool hose pinned  
to diaper leg opening.

Dresses were always white,  
made of mairsook or possibly  
long cloth. Hooded bonnets, saques  
or jackets were crocheted or knitted.  
I did feather stitching in pink  
or blue silkateen on neck + sleeve  
bands of the eighties. I also added  
a kimona - in bright pink. There  
was not the pink for girls, distinct  
then than there is now, or has  
been until recently.

When Howard came he was Red.

something + saques - ~~holland wool~~

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My children - My viewpoint

Howard - Healthy - 6+ pounds - Bedtime -

Songs - just a song - pictures on wall - stories

Slow Walking - 16 mo - Talked - Showed affection -  
Picnics - grandma + grpa. Scott - Numbers on  
calendar - De - De - from Howard -

Entered first grade Sept 1919. Health exam -

Special food + care but cleared up -

Cod liver oil - milk shakes etc -

Went to the corner store for groceries etc -

before going to school - Pulled Weeds in

garden - got Bill Dugue to help him -

Contrary streaks and it seemed I must  
Spank or switch him - Then good for some  
time -

playing with tinware, then picking up and  
putting away - rubbing the bruise - Grandma

<sup>not</sup> Scott thought cutest thing - Taking care of

his clothes after being undressed -

Sold O + H early - saved money + bought out  
of clothes when 9 yrs. old -